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COLORADO MINERS' VIEWS

Western Federation Executive Board Goes on Record About Idaho Election Fight.

CONSPIRACY BEHIND ROOSEVELT THRONE

Governor Gooding the Political Tool and Chattel of Standard Oil—Administration an Ally in Judicial Murder.

DENVER, Dec. 29.—The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, which held its session here for several days, completed its report today. It contains the following:

"The prosecution of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone is not confined to the mine owners' associations of the West. The fact that in the recent political campaigns President Roosevelt commissioned one of his political family to leave the nation's capital and invade the state of Idaho and lift his voice in behalf of Gooding, the political tool and chattel of the Standard Oil company, is convincing evidence that the conspirators have intrenched themselves behind the Roosevelt throne and are using the administration at Washington as an ally to bring about the judicial murder of men who scorned to prostrate themselves in submission to the anarchy of corporate despots.'

The board met in response to a call from Acting President Mahoney to audit the books of Acting Secretary-Treasurer Kirwan. The books were found in excellent shape and Kirwan is highly complimented in the report.

MINE OWNERS' OLIVE BRANCH

Goldfield Employers Appointed a Committee.

It Offers to Meet Representatives of Miners to Effect Settlement.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 29.—The first step towards settlement of the strike was made last evening by mine owners. They held a long meeting behind closed doors, which ended in a committee of five being appointed to confer with a like number from the miners. The committee went to work immediately and forwarded the following communication to the president and secretary of the miners' organization:

"Realizing the necessity of coming to an understanding and an early adjustment of the present conditions between operators and miners of oGldfield, it is not only desirable but an imperative duty resting on all alike, that the parties in interest be brought together for a conference. To this end, a representative body of the operators of the district voluntarily assembled and appointed a committee of five who shall represent them in such conference.

"The said committee is intended to meet with a like committee from the Western Federation of Miners, which shall be composed of miners actually employed in or about the mines of Goldfield, for a period of at least six months previous to December 20, 1906, believing that a committee so composed is the only one qualified to discuss the present issue. Should such a committee be appointed, the conference can be held at such time and place as the joint committee may agree upon.

"The following named gentlemen, composing the committee representing the operators, will be present: John W. Finch, J. P. Loftus, Thomas D. Murphy, Walton E. Dolen and Marvin Ish.

"This step has been voluntarily taken to bring the parties in interest together in conference. The operators do so in a spirit of fairness, confident that as between the miners and operators there exists no spirit of antagonism or animosity, and that whatever differences do exist on the question of wage scale can be reached and satisfactorily adjusted. Notice of the appointment of a committee can be filed with any of the gentlemen above named."

The miners have not yet given any official reply to the communication, but it is thought a meeting will soon be arranged. The stock market is firm, owing to a rumor that the operators favor a five-years' contract with the miners at $4.50 per day. The situation is remarkably quiet.

GOVERNOR MAGOON REPORTS ALL QUIET

Situation in Cuba Full of Hope and Confidence and No Uprising Likely.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The war department issued a statement today concerning the situation in Cuba, which indicates that conditions are not alarming. The statement is as follows:

"A letter, dated Dec. 23rd, has been received from Governor Magoon which contains the following passage: 'The present situation is full of hope and confidence that the provisional government will have no occasion to deal with an uprising. The continued tranquility of the island under our administration is as satisfactory as anything can be in Cuba.'

"He also says with reference to the strike at Camaguey: 'There is a fair prospect of a strike by the workmen in the railroad shops at Camaguey and I sent fifty artillerymen there last night, and this morning am advised that the matter is unimportant.'"

Caruso's Prosecutor Resigned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Third Deputy Police Commissioner William L. Mathot has resigned and the resignation has been accepted. Mathot's conduct of the Caruso case, which he prosecuted, brought a storm of public criticism upon him.

CARUSO LOST FIRST APPEAL

Recorder Goff Sustained the Magistrate.

Counsel Announced that Case Will Be Carried to Higher Court.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The conviction of Enrico Caruso, the famous Italian opera singer, on a charge of annoying a woman in the monkey house at Central Park, was affirmed today by Recorder Goff, in the court of general sessions. Caruso's counsel at once announced that the case would be appealed to the appellate division of the Supreme court.

The recorder declared it was not essential that "Hannah Graham," who made the complaint, should have appeared in court.

"The offense is not so much against the individual as against public order and decency," said the court. "As a matter of law, I cannot say that the magistrate erred in judgment," said Recorder Goff, "and as a matter of fact, I cannot substitute my judgment for his. He had the witnesses before him and was best qualified to judge of their creditability. Even though I should come to the conclusion that, if I were sitting in his place, I should render a different judgment, that would not justify me in reversing his judgment."

New Japanese Bank.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—A new Japanese bank, to be known as the Japanese American Specie bank, is to be opened in this city by Japanese capitalists, who filed articles of copartnership today for that purpose.

BIG VESSEL IS LAUNCHED

Latest Union Iron Works Product "Mexican."

The Largest Freighter Ever Launched on this Coast—Cost $750,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The American-Hawaiian Steamship company's new steamer Mexican was successfully launched at the Union Iron works today. The vessel, which is the largest freighter ever launched on the Pacific coast, was christened by Miss Katherine J. McGregor, daughter of President J. A. McGregor of the Union Iron works.

The keel of the Mexican was laid October 31, 1905. It will be in service in two months. The new vessel cost $750,000, and is a sister ship to the Alaskan, Texan and Arizonian. It will be operated on the new Mexican-Tehuantepec route, the service on which will be inaugurated on this side January 4th.

The new route extends from New York to Coatzacoalcos, a distance of 2000 miles, across the isthmus 184 miles, thence up the Pacific coast from Salinas Cruz to San Francisco, a distance of 2189 miles. This makes the trip nearly one-third shorter than around Cape Horn.

The dimensions of the Mexican are: Length, 472 feet; length over all, 488 feet; breadth, 57 feet; depth, 42 feet; draft, 28 feet; displacement, 18,000 tons; indicated horse power, 3600; speed, 12 knots; cargo capacity, 12,000 tons.

Car Men Rested Their Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The car men rested their case against the United Railroads before the board of arbitration today. Next week will be given to argument before the matter is finally submitted to the arbitrators for a decision. As the case draws to a close, attention is being given to the contention of the car men for an eight-hour day.

CHURCH IS GIVEN A BLOW

French Senate Passed the New Law of Separation as Sent By Chamber of Deputies.

ALL AMENDMENTS WERE DEFEATED

It Needs Now Only the Signature of the President—Last Hope of the Vatican Dies With the New Legislation.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The senate today passed the church and state separation act exactly as it came from the chamber of deputies, the vote being 100 to 19. Every effort to amend the act was voted down. The measure now requires only the necessary signature. The bill as passed by the senate is as follows:

Article 1—Independently of the associations contemplated by the law of December 9, 1905, public worship can be held by means of associations under the law of July 1, 1901, as well as in virtue of the public meetingslaw of June 30, 1881, under individual initiative.

Article 2—Even in default of the cultural associations provided for by the law of December 9, 1905, the usage of edifices intended for worship, as well as the furniture contained therein, shall remain at the disposition of the faithful and of the clergy for the practice of their religion. The free usage of the churches may be accorded either to associations formed under the law of July 1, 1901; or to clergy designated under the declarations prohibited by article 25 of the law of December 9, 1905. This usage, however, shall be made under the conditions stated in article 13 of the last mentioned law, by means of an administrative act, either by the prefect, for the property placed under sequester, when such property belongs to the state or departments; or by the mayor when it belongs to the communes. The above mentioned regulations will apply to edifices intended for worship which, having belonged to ecclesiastical establishments, will have been assigned by decree to charitable institutions under article 9 of the law of December 9, 1905.

Article 3—With the promulgation of the present law, the state, the departments and the communes will recover the free use of the episcopal missions, presbyteries, seminaries and so forth, which are their property and the use of which has not been claimed by an association formed under the law of December 9, 1905. At the same time, lodging indemnities, falling on communes, where there is no presbytery, will cease.

Article 4—The property of ecclesiastical establishments not claimed by associations constituted under the law of December 9, 1905, will be assigned, on the promulgation of this act, to charitable institutions provided by article 9 of said law, without prejudice to assignments which may be made under articles 7 and 8 concerning property not dedicated to public worship.

Article 5—At the expiration of one month after the enactment of the present law, allowances made under the law of December 9, 1905, to the clergy who have failed to carry out the requirements of the law will be suppressed. The failure of members of the clergy to fill the requirements of the law will, in each case, be determined by a joint decision of the minister of justice and the minister of finance.

Article 6—All the provisions of the law of December 9, 1905, will remain in full force, insofar as they are not in contradiction of the present act.

REBATING INQUIRY AT LOS ANGELES

There Are Unconfirmed Reports that Federal Grand Jury Has Found Indictments.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—It is reported, but without official sanction, that the federal grand jury which has been for several weeks investigating alleged rebating by the Santa Fe and other railroad companies, has voted a number of indictments. It is impossible to confirm the reports which have been published and the grand jury will not make public its report for ten days or more.

The Santa Fe was accused of granting rebates to certain farm implement and furniture dealers and others of this city. The railroad company has resisted vigorously the efforts of the government to obtain the evidence desired. Virgil Sappenfield, a discharged clerk of the Santa Fe, has been before the grand jury at nearly every sitting for two weeks, and it is said that his disclosures have been of the greatest importance to the government.

Object to Divorce Laws.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Vigorous objection will be interposed by the churches of Washington to the adoption by congress of the uniform divorce laws agreed upon at the recent convention of the National Congress of Uniform Laws, held in Philadelphia. The ministers of Washington, it is announced, propose to organize a movement to oppose the adoption of the law.

COLORADO RIVER AND THE GOVERNMENT

There Are Diplomatic and Financial Difficulties In the Way of Federal Assistance.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 29.—President Grove of the Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of a reply from United States Senator Perkins to a telegram relative to the control of the Colorado river, in which the senator says:

"President Roosevelt intimated to Senator Flint that he would recommend to congress that the government assist in the work, but it is pointed out that there would be objection to investing government funds in a foreign country for the benefit of a company holding a foreign charter, and that if the Mexican government should release the company from obligations to it, that fact would work to the disadvantage of owners of the company's bonds, which are based on the Mexican concession.

"There thus appear to be difficult questions of a diplomatic, as well as of a financial character in the way of securing aid from the United States government. Another difficulty is that it is not yet known that the Southern Pacific and California Development company are unable to cope with the situation. The case is, therefore, at a standstill as far as the United States government is concerned."

ARIZONA HAS MORE FLOODS

Maricopa and Phoenix Bridge Is Threatened.

Roosevelt Dam Site Swept By Torrent and Work Will Be Delayed.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 29.—Drizzling rains during several days have culminated in a heavy precipitation here last night and today. The Salt and Gila rivers have been rising rapidly, the floods equalling those of early December.

This afternoon about 5 o'clock two bents of the Maricopa and Phoenix railroad bridge over the Gila river were swept away and the water is still rising. It is supposed more bents will go out tonight and that traffic will be stopped indefinitely. A train from Maricopa to Phoenix crossed less than an hour before the breaking of the bridge, and Superintendent M. O. Bicknell, of the railroad company, crossed half an hour later. Though the water was high, the bridge then seemed to be in perfect condition. Mails for California will be sent via the Santa Fe.

A flood of about 3,000,000 inches is coming down Salt river. At noon a telephone message from Roosevelt announced that eleven feet of water was racing over the dam site and that the flood was rising. Contractor O'Rourke had scarcely finished repairing the coffer dam above the site of the storage dam swept out in the last flood and though all is under water, it is supposed this structure is again destroyed. The greatest damage in this respect is the consequent further delay in construction of the big storage dam.

A CARNIVAL OF PUGILISM

Tonopah Man Will Hang Up $100,000.

Wants Jeffries to Fight Five Men on Successive Days—Other Fights Planned.

TONOPAH, Nev., 29.—Interest in the coming battle between Joe Gans and Kid Herman has been subordinated for the time being by a statement issued to the press by Manager Riley of the Casino Athletic club in which he states his intention to hold a colossal pugilistic tournament early in the spring with James J. Jeffries as the stellar attraction. The sum of $100,000 will be devoted towards bringing together the cream of the fighting talent of the world. Riley said:

"It is my intention, as heretofore announced, to hold a gigantic pugilistic carnival early in the spring. I will submit this proposition to Jeffries: I will offer him a purse of $50,000 to meet five men, namely, Squires, Burns, O'Brien, Schreck and Kauffman, on five succeeding days, the champion to receive $10,000 for each appearance.

"If this is not agreeable to Jeffries, I will suggest that he meet both Burns and O'Brien in the same ring, or at different times, as he may elect, the monetary offer to be commensurate with the task outlined.

"In addition to the above events, I propose to have as attractions a contest between Jimmy Britt and the winner of the Gans-Herman battle; a match between Abe Attell and Jimmy Bowker, and a battle between Joe Thomas and some other well-known welterweight. In all, I shall offer $100,000, to bring about the proposed matches."

Both Gans and Herman are now at the 135-pound notch and there isn't absolutely no question that it will be an easy task for them to fulfill the weight requirement on New Year's day.

When shown the club offer of a $25,000 purse for a match between Britt and the winner of the coming fight, and asked if he would meet the Californian in the event of being returned a victor, Gans said: "No, I do not think I shall fight Britt. I have made up my mind, win or lose, in this fight, to retire from the ring, unless Battling Nelson can be induced to sign up with me."

Gans and Herman were examined by a physician today who pronounced them to be in perfect condition.

BIG BLAZE, $300,000 LOSS

Los Angeles Garment Factory Burned in Fire Which Raged Fiercely for Two Hours.

WHOLE DEPARTMENT HAD TITANIC TASK

Five Story Building Made It Necessary to Fight Flames With the Water Tower, or From the Top of Ladders.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—Shortly after midnight, the fire department gained control of a fire that raged for upwards of two hours in the five-story building occupied by the Cohn Goldwater company as a garment factory. The damage accomplished during that time is estimated at over $300,000, the entire interior of the building being gutted and the contents destroyed by fire or ruined by water.

The fire originated on the third floor and spread above and below. Three alarms were sounded, summoning nearly the entire department, which was forced, because of the height of the building, to fight the flames with a water tower and from the uppermost rounds of ladders that mounted 100 feet from the ground.

LOS ANGELES AND JAPANESE ISSUE

Effort Being Made to Ascertain Sentiment of Business Men as to Exclusion.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—An effort is to be made to ascertain the prevailing sentiment among Los Angeles business men as to Japanese exclusion. Secretary F. J. Zechandelaar, of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association, has sent to all members of that organization return postal cards, which read:

"In view of the agitation regarding the exclusion of the Mongolian race from this country, especially as it affects the Japanese, the board of directors of the association desires an expression from you on this subject."

Discussing the move today, Secretary Zechandelaar said:

"We believe that the gist of all this agitation is to be found in the activities of the labor union leaders at San Francisco, and that they are trying to involve the entire state in their own little controversy.

"If Japanese labor were cut off from Southern California, many interested would suffer."

SACRAMENTO RIVER STEAMER ASHORE

The Modoc Struck the Rocks at Point Pinole in San Pablo Bay.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 29.—The steamer Modoc went ashore at Point Pinole in San Pablo bay early this evening, and the boat is reported to be hard and fast on the rocks with a hole in her bottom. Only meager details of the accident have been received at the local offices of the Southern Pacific. A relief crew has gone from Port Costa to the scene of the wreck, but at a late hour tonight nothing had been received concerning the extent of the Modoc's injuries. It is presumed, however, that she became lost in the dense fog that was hanging over the bay and was atop of the rocks before the crew was aware of danger.

The Modoc was due to arrive here at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning. She has been belated on all of her recent trips, however, on account of the high water in the river and fogs.

PURE FOOD BILL FOR CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles Members of the Legislature Will Father New Stringent Measure.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—The Times tomorrow will say:

Food adulteration of all kinds will be prescribed in a pure food bill to be introduced at the coming session of the legislature by members of the Los Angeles delegation. An attempt probably will be made to have adopted as a California law the national pure food measure that becomes effective on January 1st. Assemblyman-elect Hammon and Senator-elect McCartney will father the bill in their respective branches of the legislature.

GOLF LINKS MURDER SUSPECT DISMISSED

No Case Was Made Out Against Jaxon, the Negro Tailor of Pasadena.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—J. C. Jaxon, the negro tailor of Pasadena, was freed on the charge of murdering James Logan, the young mulatto clerk, in the Superior court today, Judge Smith taking the case from the hands of the jury at the conclusion of the evidence offered by the state and dismissing the defendant from custody. The court ruled that the prosecution had failed to make a case.

Miss Ida McDaniel, the friend of Logan's, took the stand this morning, but the sensation expected by her testimony did not materialize. Contrary to anticipation, she made no statements bearing upon the death of Mrs. Harriet McVickar, wife of the Chicago theatrical man, which was one of the side lights of the present case. It was claimed that Logan had been instrumental in frustrating a plot to secure possession of Mrs. McVickar's estate.

The acquittal of Jaxon disposes of the last clue in the Logan murder case—one of the most atrocious and fiendish crimes with which the local police have had to deal. Logan was killed on the golf grounds of the Hotel Raymond, Pasadena, and his body horribly mutilated by his slayer.

HINDUS WANT TO COME IN

Trying to Cross From British Columbia.

Some Diseased and All Paupers—Canadian Authorities Object to Them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—An interesting and what is regarded by the immigration authorities as an important case is under consideration by Secretary Straus, of the department of commerce and labor.

It relates to the admission in the United States at Vancouver, B. C., of ten Hindus who desire to go to San Francisco. The statement of the case shows that six of these are diseased and four are in good physical condition. They have no friends in this country, none of them speak English and they have barely enough money to enable them to reach San Francisco. In the opinion of the immigration officers they are likely to become public charges.

In the past few years, 2500 Hindus have arrived in British Columbia. They are, according to the reports of the Dominion immigration authorities, an undesirable class of immigrants. The feeling in British Columbia is so strong against them, on account of their habits and unsanitary methods of living, that the inhabitants have in some instances burned the Hindus' houses in order to compel them to leave.

The immigration officers on the Canadian border denounced the admission to the United States and the case is on appeal to Secretary Straus.

CASSATT'S SUCCESSOR

Railroad Men Discussing the Possibilities.

Vice-President McCrea Is Spoken of—Funeral Arrangements.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—While the question of a successor to the late A. J. Cassatt as president of the Pennsylvania railroad company has received no official consideration, it is being discussed by railroad men. The directors will not discuss the matter until after the funeral.

The report that James McCrea will be chosen is steadily growing. He is vice-president and as the executive head of the company's Western lines is thoroughly familiar with the system.

Arrangements for the funeral of Cassatt were completed this evening. It will be unostentatious, carrying out Cassatt's wishes. There will be no honorary pallbearers. Services will be held at the Cassatt home Monday afternoon, and a limited number of persons will be invited to attend. Interment will be at Bryn Mawr in the yard of the Church of the Redeemer. Cassatt was a communicant in the Bryn Mawr church, and had a pew in St. James. The interment will be private.

SUSPENSIONS AND PROBATIONS OF STANFORD STUDENTS

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 29. The scholarship reports of last semester's work were made public here today. Eighty-eight students were suspended and sixty-two placed on probation for poor work. These figures are the largest in the history of the university and are the result of the gradual raising in the standard of scholarship.

OPERATOR NEGROES' VICTIM

Drunken Mob Took Him from Office, Tied and Whipped Him and Got Away.

SHERIFF AND POSSE SEARCHING THE WOODS

Telegraph Wires Clicked Out an Agonized Message Asking for Help Just Before the Colored Rabble Broke In.

SPARTANSBURG, S. C., Dec. 29.—Telegraph Operator Porter, in charge of the block station at Mount Zion, six miles from here on the main line of the Southern railway, was taken out of his station tonight, shortly after 7 o'clock by a crowd of drunken negroes, tied and whipped. Porter barricaded himself in the station and the mob shot out windows and lights.

The operator wired the dispatcher at Spartansburg, saying:

"I am penned up in block house and surrounded by a mob of negroes, who have threatened my life. They are beating down the doors. For God's sake, send help."

He scarcely had finished the message when the negroes broke into the station, seized and dragged him outside of the station and beat him. Sheriff Nichols and a party of officers left on a special train, but when they arrived the negroes had disappeared. The posse is searching the woods. No arrests have been made.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 29.—A long-distance telephone message from Spartansburg states that a crowd of drunken negroes entered the station at Mount Zion and with pistols forced Operator Porter to dance and otherwise hazed him. Porter was injured, but how badly cannot be ascertained. The negroes escaped before the posse arrived.

FALLING WALL BURIED FIVE

Another Accident in Ruins of Bay City.

Two Laborers Probably Will Die of Injuries—Three Others Maimed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Five men were caught today under the ruins of a wall which fell at the corner of Pine and Battery streets and it was half an hour before a hundred laborers who rushed to their rescue were able to uncover them. Two of the victims, Salvatore Gales and Nicholas Antonio, are probably fatally injured, while Manuel Montreal, Pietro Fernando and Charles Dini are severely hurt.

All the men are employed by a construction company. At the scene of the accident there is a deep foundation of stone and concrete surmounted by a brick wall. The laborers were engaged in picking away the foundation, and as they drew near the wall they inadvertantly undermined it.

Without warning the wall fell over. All except six of the men dropped their tools and managed to jump to safety. But five victims were buried in the debris, two of them completely, and the rest up to their necks.

Their loud cries attracted the attention of all the workmen employed within several blocks, who immediately came running to the spot. In a few minutes a gang of more than a hundred rescuers had assembled and with words of encouragement they began to dig away the fallen wreckage.

One by one the victims were extricated and placed in the ambulance of the Harbor Emergency hospital, in which they were rushed to the care of the city surgeons. Yet it was more than thirty minutes from the time of the cave-in until the last man had been dragged from the debris.

Both Gales and Antonio were unconscious and a hasty examination at the hospital disclosed the probability of internal injuries and fractured skulls, besides heavy surface injuries. Montreal suffered a broken right arm, a twisted ankle and severe contusions about the head and breast. Fernando escaped with a dislocated shoulder and bad bruises. Dini's shoulder and ankle were dislocated.

Compromise Timber Suits.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Secretary Hitchcock entered today a compromise for $156,000, growing out of alleged timber depredations. This compromise is the outcome of suits begun several years ago against companies in the Northwest, charging them with denuding the public lands of timber.

HAMBURG, Dec. 29.—Shipping in the lower Elbe has been wholly suspended on account of the thick fog and drifting ice.

New Year's Calendars

Will make a lasting remembrance. We have an unusually handsome collection this year. They are well displayed and clearly ticketed so as to make buying easy.

10c and 15c kind at 5c.
25c and 35c kind at 10c.
Other grades up to $2.50.

Gottschalks

Premium Certificates.

Don't fail to ask for premium certificates with every purchase. Handsome and useful premium taken out of stock surely the best.

Illustrated Gift Books for New Years

These are New Year's remembrances, suitable both for men and women; handsomely illustrated by some of the best known artists and compiled in such a manner that they will be appreciated by those to whom the artistic appeals.

The American Girl, by Howard Chandler Christy.
The Christy Girl, by Howard Chandler Christy.
Hiawatha, by Harrison Fisher.
Evangeline, by Howard Chandler Christy.
Our Neighbors, by Charles Dana Gibson.
And many others.

$15 for Fall Suits, Values $35

Monday will be the last buying day in this year and while we all have many things to be thankful for we desire to give our friends and patrons one more opportunity to procure a prize in the way of a tailored suit such as only Gottschalk can give. With a bargain such as this every one could be truly thankful.

Stop a moment and look at the price, less than half of what it formerly was. Somebody is losing, but you can rest assured it will not be the purchaser.

The style too is the very latest in all colors of etons beautifully trimmed and well tailored. A New Year's gift to you at $15.00.

Fur Prices That Will Make Fur Fly 25 Per Cent Off on Our Entire Stock

Children's fur scarfs, both long and short muffs, in fact our entire stock of furs on sale at a discount of 25 per cent. The usefulness of a fur will be felt for some time yet, so take advantage of this offer.

Other New Years Suggestions

We have a large assortment of Chinaware Bisques and other imported China novelties. Japanese tea sets, brass vases and dozens of other novelties, all reduced for New Years.

25 Per Cent Off All Silver Mounted Toilet Articles

The custom of gift giving at New Years is growing stronger every year. We are offering you 25 per cent off on all silver mounted Toilet Sets, Military Brushes, Hand Mirrors, Nail Brushes, Shoe Horns, Button Hooks. This is an opportunity not to be overlooked in today's buying.

$3.98 for Millinery Worth $10 to $15

Unusual Offering For Monday Only

The holiday rush is past, and naturally one's thoughts turn to those things more in the order of necessities. Now just stop a moment and think you have nearly the entire winter left to get good service out of a new hat. For Monday we are offering your choice of our remaining $19 and $15 hats at **$3.98**. It is hardly necessary to describe them, as you are all familiar with our superior millinery department.

JAP CORNERS SPUD MARKET

Shrewd Japanese Has All the Potatoes.

Milo Rowell Thinks Market Will Not Advance Further.

George Shuna of Stockton planned and executed a successful coup on the potato market and is now the largest spud grower in the world, virtually holding the entire market.

When the crop was gathered this year, Shuna simply bought it up, paying the usual prices and not until too late did the American dealer realize the situation. California buyers have placed orders for many carload lots but heavy freight duties and the delay on account of the present car shortage still keep prices away up.

Shuna started a potato stratagem some years ago, when he commenced as a potato grower on a small scale in the Sacramento Valley. Last year when potato buyers needed potatoes they found that Shuna had about cornered the market. The time is right for a coup thought this bright little subject of the Mikado. But as the market kept advancing, Shuna would not sell and the market broke.

This did not discourage him, for this year he adopted different methods and now holds the market in his hands. With spuds at $1.50 on the river bank Shuna evidently has things his way.

It is claimed that Higgins & Co. of San Francisco and Los Angeles succeeded in capturing 20 per cent of the crop, but Milo M. Rowell of Hobbs-Parsons Co., in discussing the situation yesterday, says that this is not true. "The floods of June and July by destroying one-third of the potato crop," said Mr. Rowell, "have made it possible for Shuna to get double the price for potatoes. We realized this months ago and have placed carload lots from the East." Mr. Rowell said further that the market is now at its highest point and will not advance further.

"Potatoes are now coming in from the East," he said, "so that prices will begin to lower. The present price is $1.17½ per hundred pounds in carload lots."

CHURCHES.

EPISCOPAL—Fresno and N. Rev. H. S. Hanson, rector. Holy communion, 7:30 a. m.; subject of 11 o'clock sermon, "Searching for Jesus." Evening prayer at 7:30. The Christmas music will be repeated. There will be a watch-night service beginning at 11:30 o'clock tomorrow evening. All members of the church and congregation, with friends and strangers, are invited to attend.

CATHOLIC—Mariposa and R, Rev. J. M. McCarthy, pastor. This morning at the 10:45 o'clock mass, will be repeated the Christmas song service under the direction of Sig S. Wanrell, with a chorus of over twenty voices. This musical program will be heard again on Tuesday morning at the same hour at the special services.

CONGREGATIONAL—K and Inyo. Rev. Charles N. Queen, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Subject of 11 o'clock sermon, "Christian Rewards"; Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; subject of evening sermon, "Certain Values in Revelation," with a prelude upon "New Year Greetings."

CHRISTIAN—Mariposa and N, Rev. A. C. McKeever, pastor. Bible school, 9:30; sermon, 11 o'clock; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:15; sermon, 7:30.

BAPTIST—N and Merced, Rev. A. P. Brown, pastor. At the 11 o'clock service, Rev. A. W. Rider of Oakland will preach on the subject, "My Trip to Japan." Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; Memorial mission, Sunday school, 3 o'clock; B. Y. P. U., 6:30; preaching at 7:30 by Rev. Rider, subject, "The Strategic Point in the World's Conquest."

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN—Tulare and N, Rev. Duncan Wallace, pastor. Subject of 11 o'clock sermon, "Memory, Hope and Effort." Evening, "Though and Action on a New Year's Exhortation.' Special music. Soprano solo, "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is," Miss Marie Byrd; tenor solo, "Dream Voices," Dr. Seldon Anthony, with violin obligato by J. H. Hutchinson.

PRESBYTERIAN—M and Merced, Rev. Dr. Thomas Boyd, pastor. Subject of morning sermon, "Backward and Forward"; evening, "Applied Christianity." Special music under direction of A. G. Wahlberg.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Tuolumne and M, Rev. L. A. Rockwell, pastor. Subject of morning sermon, "Shakespeare as a Moral Teacher"; class meeting in ladies' parlor at 12:15; Junior league, 3 o'clock; Epworth league, 6:15; subject of evening sermon, "It is the Last Time."

ST. PAUL'S M. E. SOUTH—L and Fresno, Rev. J. E. Moore, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45; preaching at 11 o'clock; boys' league, 2:30 p. m.; Junior league, 3; Senior league, 6:30; evening sermon, 7:30.

GERMAN LUTHERAN—L and Ventura, Rev. S. Hoernicke, pastor. Sunday school, 9:15 a. m. Services at 10:30, also on New Year's day at the same hour.

SAVIOUR'S DANISH LUTHERAN—Elm avenue, Rev. J. Johansen, pastor. Children's services with Christmas tree at 1 p. m. There will also be services on New Year's day at 10:15 a. m. and in the Houghton school house at 3:30 p. m.

SWEDISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN—Vonrman and Yosemite avenues. Services at 6 a. m. on New Year's day. Preaching by Rev. C. M. Eshjohn.

FIRST ARMENIAN PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. J. B. Haygoonl, pastor. Service 2:30 p. m.; subject of sermon, "The Judgment Day"; prelude, "My Trip East." Sunday school, 9:15 a. m.

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NEWS NOTES OF VISALIA

Filling Bank Position Makes Several Changes.

Advances Cause Vacancies in Recorder's Office and Two School Departments.

Charles T. Pool, who has been deputy county recorder for several years under Recorder Ira Chrisman, has resigned his position and has accepted a position as clerk and accountant in the Bank of Visalia. George Hausam, who has been for a year and a half a teacher in the Visalia grammar schools, being in charge of the Washington school, has resigned, to accept the position made vacant by Mr. Pool. A Mr. Wilson of Fresno county has been selected by the city board of education to take the place made vacant by Mr. Hausam. Need of an additional accountant was felt at the bank and Mr. Pool was selected for the position. The latter is now in Santa Barbara visiting his family. He will return about the first of the year to take up his new duties. Mr. Hausam handed in his resignation to the board several days ago and has already taken up his new work in the courthouse. Mr. Wilson will probably be on hand at the opening of school next Wednesday morning.

Mrs. M. L. Pettit entertained the Saturday Whist club at the Pettit residence this afternoon at one of the most delightful functions of the season. All of the club members were present on this occasion with the exception of Mrs. Leyis, who is in Los Angeles. Miss Harriet Lee of Woodland, a sister of the hostess, substituted, and Mrs. J. F. Jordan assisted in entertaining. Dainty refreshments were served during the afternoon.

Notice has been received of the wedding of Miss Fern Palmer, formerly of Visalia, to Max Parker, an architect of Los Angeles, the nuptials having been celebrated in the southern city on Nov. 7th. A honeymoon trip of several weeks was spent in San Francisco. The couple have a splendid home in Los Angeles. Mrs. Parker took part in several local theatrical productions in Visalia and made a host of friends while here.

Articles of incorporation of the Lindcove Realty company have been filed, the principal place of business being Los Angeles. The directors are W. S. Fletcher, F. E. Robinson, Chester E. Robinson, C. M. Smith and E. O. Edgarton. The company is capitalized at $275,000, divided into 275,000 shares of the par value of $1 each. The sum of $5 has been actually subscribed, being one share for each of the directors. The Lindcove lands are located between Exeter and Lemon Cove on the line of the Visalia Electric railway.

Word was received today of the death of E. J. Moore, who died last night at his home in Esbom valley. He was 58 years of age. He leaves a wife and several grown children. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

A marriage license has been issued to Homer Owen, a native of Indiana, aged 37 years, and Mary E. Corbin, a native of Tennessee, 32, both of Exeter.

Rev. J. A. Brown, who has been for some time pastor of the Christian church in this city, left this morning with his family for Santa Cruz. Rev. Brown will take up evangelistic work. Rev. I. H. Teel is here from Eureka to take the place vacated by Rev. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard P. Russell, the latter formerly Miss Lulu Green, who were wedded in Fresno on Thursday, have gone to Los Angeles on a honeymoon trip to occupy several days.

Mrs. Frank Osborn has gone to Stockton to be with her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Carey, the latter having given birth on Christmas day to twin daughters. It is stated that both the mother and babes are doing well.

The funeral of Mrs. J. E. Farley, who died in Los Angeles, Wednesday night, was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Paul's Episcopal church, the interment being in the city cemetery. The remains arrived this morning from the southern city, being accompanied by Arthur Farley of this city and Roy Farley of Santa Barbara, children of the deceased.

A dancing party was given by the W. S. B. club at the Armory tonight. There was a good attendance and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

Comstock Is Re-Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Postmaster General Cortelyou today said: "Statements that have been published that Inspector Anthony Comstock's commission has been canceled and that he was compelled to sever his connection with the postoffice department are entirely without foundation. Inspector Comstock has been re-commissioned for the year 1907, as he has been for every year since 1873."

Stenographers in Demand.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The bureau of insular affairs today made known the fact that more stenographers are needed in the Philippine service. Another examination will be held Jan. 26th by the civil service commission. Many young men originally appointed after passing the stenographer examination who have demonstrated their ability have worked their way up. The position at first pays $1,200 per annum.

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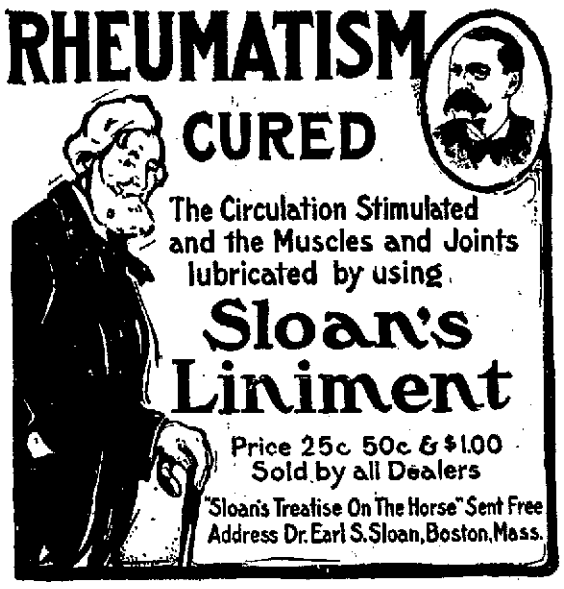

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Land values always grow, and none grow faster than these assisted by development. The California Stock Food Co. is preparing to establish a a large alfalfa meal mill at Kerman which will insure an extra good price to the producer of alfalfa hay.

The California Traction Co, is now securing rights of way for its electric railway from Fresno to Kerman and when this road is completed the fact is assured that the values of property will advance to no little extent in lands about Kerman.

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Green Peas—10c per lb.
Hubbard Squash—3c lb.
Green Peppers—10c lb.
Tomatoes—3@5c per lb.
Radishes—2 bunches 5c.
Cabbage—2½c per lb.
Horseradish—25c per lb.
Onions—2½c per lb.
Turnips—2½c per bunch.
Parsnips—2½c per bunch.
Cauliflower—10@15c head.
Lettuce—3 for 10c.
Carrots—2½c per bunch.
Lima Beans—10c lb.
Cranberries—15c qt.
Sprouts—1b., 10c.

Poultry.

Chickens—Broilers, dressed, 35@40c per lb.; alive, 30c per lb.
Chickens—Fryers, dressed, 40c per lb.; alive, 35c per lb.
Chickens—Dressed hen, 30c per lb.; alive hen, 20@25c per lb.
Turkeys—Dressed, 27c per lb.; alive, 22½c per lb.

GRAIN.

Wheat—$1.25 and $1.65.
Barley—$1; $25 a ton.
Egyptian Corn—$1.35 per 100; ton, $25.00
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Fresno Flour—$1.30@$1.35.
Kaweah Flour—$1.35.
A1 Flour—$1.50.
Crown Flour—$1.40.
Middlings—$1.45.
Bran—95c per sack; $25 per ton.
Wheat—$2.25 per sack; $27 and $28 per ton.
Corn Meal—35c per 10-lb. sack.
Graham Meal—35c per 10-lb. sack.
Whole Wheat Flour—35c per 10-lb. sack.
Cracked Wheat—35c per 10-lb. sack.
Oat Meal—40c per 10-lb. sack.
Rye Meal—35c per 10-lb. sack.

BUTTER, EGGS AND HONEY.

Creamery—35c per roll.
Dairy—40c per roll.
Eggs—35c per dozen.
Combed honey—20c comb.

FRESH MEATS.

Beef Steak—10@15c; roast 10@13c.
Mutton—10@15c per lb.
Lamb—12½@20c per pound.
Pork—12 @20c.
Veal—10@20c.
Lard—15c per pound.

DRESSED STOCK.

Steer—5½c.
Veal—7@8c per pound.
Mutton—8 to 9c.

The Republican Leads....

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Great Coat Sale Monday
$10.95 For Our Regular $17.50 Coats---Sale Starts 9 a. m.

They are the same identical coats as we sold early in the season at $17.50. The maker of the coats over-bought on the cloth—had more than he could get orders for and dispose of—so concluded to make up all he had and send twenty-five to each of his customers. They arrived Thursday with these instructions, "Mark them any price they will bring—low enough so they will go." We did—$10.95 is the price—they will surely go quickly.

They are full 3-4 length; made of fancy imported cloth, pure worsted, rich invisible plaid, velvet, white silk braids at neck, 2 pleats in back, metal buttons, cuffs piped in green velvet.

Yes! Spring 1907 Waists Now

Our announcement Saturday of new waists for spring 1907 caused no little surprise. Few stores even in the large cosmopolitan cities show new goods so far in advance of the season. All of fine white materials. At **$1.00**, V shape yoke of fine embroidery insertion, wheel pattern headed with Val lace insertion, five tucks at side, same effect continued straight down front. At **$1.25**, seven inch strip embroidery in front, V shape shoulder pieces. Real elaborate ones at **$1.50, $1.75** and up to **$4.00.**

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SETTLEMENT WORK PLANNED

Philanthropic Project Is Outlined.

Prominent Speakers Tell How to Improve Conditions Among the Poor.

From the viewpoint of Americanship, one of the most important movements in which Fresno has been interested for many a day was inaugurated yesterday, in a meeting held at the Washington grammar school for the purpose of organizing a social settlement club.

For a long time many citizens of Fresno and vicinity have felt that something ought to be done in the direction of bettering the social conditions in some of the less favored parts of the city, and in response to a call for a public meeting a large number of ladies and gentlemen met for conference on this subject. A. L. Hobbs was elected chairman and Mrs. Dr. Sherman secretary of the meeting. The first speaker invited to address the meeting was A. J. Pillsbury, secretary of the state board of examiners, who made an exceedingly interesting address. For a long time it has been known to the reading public that Pillsbury is a keen, logical, interesting writer, but it has not been so well known that he is also one of the most effective speakers. No one at the great state meeting just held in this city excelled him in the power to hold an audience.

The Problem of the Unfortunate.

Mr. Pillsbury began by calling attention to the caterpillars and insects destructive to trees. They crawl up and out to the light. Every human being crawls up to a greater or less degree to meet the light that comes from above. It is our duty so to shape conditions that everybody may climb higher.

Fresno's problem of the poor is not unique—this problem is everywhere, and in most large places it is worse than in Fresno. There are no starving people here, but those in the lower stratum are like the same class everywhere—eating, drinking and the sex relations constitute their whole round of existence. The insane asylums are full of the products of their narrow and starved life.

Immigrants from despotisms are deceitful and dishonest from necessity, and here they often become offensive, mistaking freedom for license. They need the light. Poverty comes from low earning capacity and the failure to appreciate the value of a dollar. They should be taught to earn more money, and how to spend it—or rather, how to save it.

Nothing should be given to them; there should always be some value received for the aid given. An employment bureau for such people, at a small fee to employer and employe alike, is a valuable help. Above all things, keep all the children in school. They should be taught cleanliness, order, good cooking, sanitation.

Cleanliness means much to an American or an Englishman, to all who have lived where they can see the difference between the two ways of living. I have in mind an institution under the management of some skilled people of a certain nationality, but these people give us a good deal of trouble, in spite of their good equipment and their opportunities for doing good, because they do not know or appreciate the value of soap. Much of the high mortality among infants is due to lack of cleanliness in bottles and elsewhere. A great step would be a visiting nurse. The public schools of this state have a vast deal of complicated machinery, but last year, out of a total enumeration of 407,000 children of school age, only 218,000 were enrolled in the schools. This is a sad lack of efficiency in the working of the system. A great step in advance would be the constant employment of a trained nurse. With such help, 98 per cent of the absence from school on account of sickness, sores, lameness, etc., could be prevented.

Music, art, literature—if not too artistic, not too high for ordinary mortals—can be made helpful factors in the education of the poor and neglected children of the community—of all the children, whether rich or poor.

Money will not do the work needed. You can't hire people to save other people. Love and personal interest in the uplifting of humanity are the necessary qualifications for success in all social reforms of this kind. There is more money contributed annually in some single cities of the United States nowadays than the whole world contributed a few years ago, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that the greater part of the really effective work for the poor is done by the working poor themselves.

Give the children and all the neglected classes light and everything that is uplifting, but let them work for these things. Let it be self-help—give them opportunities.

Local Endorsements.

The chairman called on the Rev. Thomas Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Fresno and a member of the Ministerial union. Dr. Boyd said he had been studying this important subject for a long time and had hoped to see such a movement started, but had never before been able to discover a good opportunity for the work.

Among the citizens who indorsed the movement was John A. Neu, who expressed himself as heartily in sympathy with the work and said he would be glad to aid it in any way. Mr. Neu's influence in any good cause is highly prized and the people who are interested in the welfare of the whole community were very glad that he was present at this initial meeting.

Mr. Lochead was present and expressed a deep interest in the proposed work. Union men have long been interested in everything of this character.

Miss Lucile Eaves Talked.

Miss Lucile Eaves of San Francisco, president of the Woman's Alliance for Reconstruction, was present and entered into the discussion of the proposed social organization with great earnestness. Among other things, she said:

"I do not like the term 'settlement.' It is an English term—it has no satisfactory place in this country. It is suggestive of the fingertip philanthropy.' The people among whom this work has been done in San Francisco never speak of the organization by that name. In talking about it they call it 'the club'—and that's a good name for it.

"The thing a movement of this kind can do for a place is not to bring in something from the outside. The best work is done by organizing the forces within. Children like to do things. Utilize the energy of the boys and girls in pleasant and uplifting activities. There are wonderful possibilities in this direction if one goes at the work in the right way.

Discussion and Results.

Mrs. Dr. Sherman, who is always interested in everything that promises to better the welfare of the community or any part of it, asked a number of practical questions concerning the best ways of organizing and carrying on this work. After a full and interesting discussion the meeting decided by unanimous vote that a committee of fifteen members should be appointed to perfect plans for the organization of a social club designed to perfect plans for the organization. The committee is composed of the following named ladies and gentlemen:

Mrs. Dr. W. N. Sherman, chairman; Mrs. W. D. McNulty, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Mrs. Dr. W. P. Miller, Mrs. Lee Gundelfinger, Mrs. W. H. McIntosh, Mrs. L. L. Cory, and Messrs. A. L. Hobbs, Robert A. Lochead, Dr. Thomas Boyd, H. A. Sessions, John A. Neu, C. L. McLane, M. F. McCormick and E. E. Manheim.

This committee will meet at the office of the city superintendent of schools in Fresno, Monday evening, Jan. 7th, for the purpose of making definite plans for organization.

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In his new position, Mr. Shirreff will have charge of the outside business of the well-known firm, making a specialty of real estate and fire insurance. If wide and favorable acquaintance and a reputation for industry and thorough reliability are any guarantee of success, Mr. Shirreff should prove eminently successful in his new line of business.

CALIFORNIA RACES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—There was a large crowd at Emeryville today and the sport was good. The feature was the Minnie Gray handicap, which was won by Logistilla in a hard drive, Sir Edward being a close second. Results:

First race, futurity course—Mabel Hollander, 107, (McBride) 4 to 5, won; Coco, 107, (L. Williams) 15 to 1, second; Mrs. Matthews, 109, (Knapp) 4 to 1, third. Time 1:14 2-5.

Second race, five and a half furlongs—Cloudlight, 109, (McBride) even, won; Sir Russell, 104, (W. Miller) even, second; Phalanx, 112, (Sandy) blank, third. Time 1:09.

Third race, six furlongs—The Mighty, 112, (Brown) 7 to 5, won; Bell Reed, 104, (A. Williams) 5 to 1, second; Yo San, 109, (W. Miller) 5 to 1, third. Time 1:16.

Fourth race, mile and a sixteenth, Minnie Gray handicap—Logistilla, 118, (W. Miller) 2 to 1, won; Sir Edward, 113, (Graham) 4 to 1, second; Gateway, 104, (Sandy) 5 to 1, third. Time 1:48 1-5.

Fifth race, mile and a quarter—Iras, 100, (Sandy) 7 to 1, won; Briers, 103, (W. Miller) 7 to 10, second; Elle, 97, (P. Wilson) 8 to 1, third. Time 2:14 2-5.

Sixth race, six furlongs—Wolma, 114, (Robinson) 16 to 5, won; Ocean Shore, 111, (Horner) 6 to 5, second; Canique, 105, (McBride) 7 to 1, third. Time 1:15 4-5.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—There were no features on the card at Ascot today. Jockey Talbert helped Lady Kitty to carry off the money in the first race. Louise Fitzgibbon won all the way till the stretch, when Talbert managed to get Lady Kitty to the front and won by a small margin. The usual Saturday handicap was called off on account of the small number of entries. Weather clear, track slow. Results:

First race, five furlongs—Lady Kitty, 105, (Talbert) 9 to 5, won; Louise Fitzgibbon, 105, (Koerner) even, second; Virginia Lorraine, 105, (McDaniel) 40 to 1, third. Time 1:02¾.

Second race, six furlongs—Confessor, 107, (Koerner) 3 to 5, won; Lotta Gladstone, 101, (McDaniel) 5 to 1, second; Foncasta, 99, (Gargan) 8 to 1, third. Time 1:14¾.

Third race, six furlongs—Renrow, 110, (Koerner) even, won; Edwin T. Fryer, 113, (C. Ross) 6 to 1, second; Judge Nelson, 110, (W. Fisher) 2 to 1, third. Time 1:16.

Fourth race, mile—Cigar Lighter, 104, (W. Riley) 7 to 2, won; Line of Life, 102, (Harris) 4 to 5, second; Life II., 98, (McDaniel) 20 to 1, third. Time 1:42½.

Fifth race, five furlongs—Entre Nous, 112, (Finn) 5 to 2, won; Escamate, 115, (Keogh) 13 to 5, second; Toots Monk, 107, (Koerner) 4 to 1, third. Time 1:01¾.

Sixth race, one mile—Gentle Harry, 102, (Korgh) 4 to 1, won; Moonlebank, 102, (Gross) 25 to 1, second; Lucrece, 102, (Koerner) 7 to 1, third. Time 1:41.

Boy Arrested for Parricide.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Lee Holder, the 17-year-old son of Rev. J. B. Holder, who was found murdered Thursday, has been arrested, charged with the crime.

LYON AWAY FROM HOME

Talked Freely to Stockton Reporter.

Said Things About Electric Lights and Chinese Gambling.

(From the Stockton Mail.)—W. Parker Lyon, mayor of Fresno, is in Stockton today for the purpose of getting data on water and electric rates, with a view to fixing the rates in Fresno.

Mr. Lyon stated to a Mail reporter this afternoon that the rates for both electricity and water in Stockton are lower than in Fresno.

"In Fresno," Mr. Lyon said, "the electric company appears to have a sort of sliding scale. Chinamen are charged 5 cents a thousand watts, Armenians 6 cents and white people 10 cents. I am not taking anybody's word for this. I have receipted bills showing this to be the case. I have started a little campaign there in the hope of securing a uniform rate, at least, and I can't see any reason why anybody should have to pay a premium to the electric company for being a white person. I had photographs of the bills taken and put up about town so that people could see how they were being treated.

"The manager of the electric company sent word to me that I could attend to my furniture business and he would attend to the rates. Well, I just thought I would see if I couldn't attend to the rates, too, so I came to Stockton for data. Us white people don't propose to have to resort to being naturalized as subjects of the Chinese emperor if we can help it."

"I find that your water rates are also lower than ours, though the systems of supply are somewhat similar—pumping from wells. I hope to have ordinances passed fixing both the water and the electric light rates.

"You have a much better street car system here than we have in Fresno, but we are away ahead of you in the matter of hotels. Stockton, it seems to me, is greatly in need of a modern and large hotel."

Speaking further of the way Chinamen fare in Fresno, Mr. Lyon stated that before he became mayor he was greatly puzzled to understand the reason for the occasional embargoes on the Chinese gambling joints. There would be a raid, and then a number of policemen would be seen about the places for a few days, and then the games would be resumed.

"Shortly after I went into office," he said, "the chief of police stopped the games without any order or word from me, but they resumed again before very long. Well, I finally ordered them stopped of my own accord, and left instructions that the embargo was not to be lifted until I said so. Then I began to see the light. Before a great while a big Chinaman came to me with an offer of $800 in cash per month if I would permit the games to go on. I tried to get him to make the offer before a witness but he wouldn't do it. Then another Chinaman came and offered $200. I told him I wasn't the proper party to make the offer to; that he should see the police and fire commissioners. He did, making them the same offer, and agreeing upon a place to deposit the coin—in a stall at the engine house where the chief could get it. On the way over with the coin we 'pinched' him, but so far I haven't been able to get the case into court. The Chinamen are pretty smooth. Oh, I will get the case into court eventually—they can't stave it off forever."

Mr. Lyon says the office of mayor is mostly honor. The salary of $125 a month, he declares, doesn't begin to recompense a man for the time he has to take from his business.

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Cable Briefs

DUNDEE, Scotland, Dec. 29.—The total number of deaths caused by the collision at Arbroath last night was today raised to nineteen. The fireman of the wrecked express died today, after having been pinned under the engine night hours. Two injured passengers also succumbed today as the result of exposure in the snow before being succored.

STOCKHOLM—King Oscar had a refreshing sleep during the night. His temperature continues about normal. The condition of his heart and lungs remains unchanged.

PARIS—The continent is covered with the heaviest fall of snow in years. Railroad traffic in France, Spain, Switzerland and Belgium is seriously hampered.

TEHERAN—The shah, after a long period of unconsciousness, once more rallied during the night, became fully conscious, and is distinctly better today.

PARIS—A motion to recommit the church and state separation act, with instructions to reform the measure on the lines of the Brazilian church and state separation law, which the vatican accepted, was defeated in the senate today.

ROME—The pope has received many important donations to help him in the difficulties with France. They include $400,000 from Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria and $400,000 from Cardinal Vashary, archbishop of Grau, Hungary.

CADIZ—A terrific storm is prevailing in the straits of Gibraltar. The Belgian steamer Heidelberg, bound for Havana, has been lost. Several of her crew were drowned.

CADIZ—The Spanish armored cruiser Emperador Carlos V. and the battleship Pelayo have been ordered to sail for Tangier on Jan. 2nd.

BERLIN—The report that peace between German forces and warring Herreroes has been signed in Damaraland is denied.

LONDON—The formal acceptance by the United States of James Bryce as ambassador at Washington was received in a cablegram from the American capital, which reached the foreign office during the night. Bryce's appointment will be officially gazetted Monday.

LONDON—The Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who has been ill with acute bronchitis since Dec. 21, is reported to be in a critical condition.

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TAFT.

With characteristic frankness, Secretary Taft has announced his exact position with reference to the presidency. He has no ambition to be president and does not expect the nomination to come to him. He will do nothing to get it. If it comes he will accept.

This puts Taft directly in the running. His friends are authorized to shout for him, to work for him and to organize for him. The country is authorized to reckon with him. And, unless fate turns very far aside from its present course, William H. Taft will be the next president of the United States.

There is no doubt of the genuineness of Taft's deprecation of his own availability. He has long regarded himself as an impossible candidate for the presidency. During his service on the bench, he issued injunctions against labor unions which were in accordance with law, justice and his own sense of right, but were contrary of the union theory of the right of unimpeded private war. These might rise now to plague him. In the last state campaign, in Ohio, Taft deliberately alienated the support of the whole Republican machine, and contributed powerfully (and intentionally) to the Democratic victory. Naturally, the Ohio politicians who usually control state conventions do not like Taft. In the Philippines the phrase, "the Philippines for the Filipinos" was more than a mere slogan to Taft, it was a rule of action. Naturally, the American exploiters do not like him. In Colorado, Secretary Taft has taken, very vigorously, the side of law and order. Naturally, the anarchists of both factions do not like him. And for all these reasons and others, Secretary Taft regards himself as unavailable. Besides, if he had his own way, he would much rather be judge than president.

But Taft will doubtless find that he has underestimated his own strength and overestimated his weaknesses. Of all the "unavailabilities" mentioned above, none is serious unless it is the anti-union decisions. And a righteous decision, even against a union, can be defended, even before that union. It is a matter there is no need to shirk. Let the issue be drawn. The positive side of Secretary Taft's strength would overcome far more serious objections than these. He is the one man in America who has "made good" absolutely. In the Philippines, in Panama, in Cuba and Porto Rico, in two different cabinet offices, and for a time practically as president pro tempore, as well as in his whole career on the bench, Taft has shown what he can do, by doing it. He stands absolutely for the so-called Roosevelt policies of the present time. The people believe in him, and they believe that the government can go on, under him, with less jar than with any other man. Unless something extraordinary happens, in the meantime, they are going to have him.

INSURANCE LAWS.

Insurance Commissioner E. Myron Wolf will have ready in a few days a report recommending radical improvements in all our insurance laws, life, fire and miscellaneous. In life insurance, he will recommend following the lines of the conference held in Chicago last February, based on the New York reforms. In fire insurance, some original legislation to meet our own conditions, will be needed. The main purpose is to confine the business to companies on whom responsibility can be enforced, and to make the policies so plain that everybody will know just what they insure against. In miscellaneous insurance, the main purpose is to keep it from getting too miscellaneous. Mr. Wolf will go to Sacramento and undertake to lobby the reform through.

It is to be hoped that he will succeed. The reforms are eminently needed, but there is small hope of getting them unless somebody gets behind them. All forms of insurance have been prolific of complicated contracts. It is within the resources of the English language to make these contracts so simple that anybody can know what they mean. Evidently, however, this has not often been attempted. It should be. A man who buys insurance should know what he is getting. And the state should be in a position to see that he gets it.

THE TAX BILL.

The fact that Governor Pardee went so far out of his way to secure the distribution and publication of his speech at Hanford, in favor of a revised tax bill, indicates that he does not intend to give up the agitation until the end. Doubtless he will discuss the same subject in his final message. And we hope Governor Gillett will take up the same subject, on his own side, in his inaugural address. For this question of getting the taxes of California equitably distributed is the one supreme question of state policy. So long as the farmers pay nearly all the taxes in the state, and the city owners of real estate pay nearly all the rest, so long shall we be over-taxed and under-developed. Taxpayers will pay too much and the public will get too little. Incidentally, a large share of the wealth of the state will escape taxation. It is an absurd and intolerable situation, which ought not to be permitted to endure.

"INTERESTS."

Secretary Zeehandelaar, of the Los Angeles Merchants' and Manufacturers' association, is collecting expressions of opinion from the business men of Southern California against Japanese exclusion. Doubtless, if he can get frank expressions at all, he will find the sentiment he desires. "If the Japanese labor were cut off from Southern California," says Secretary Zeehandelaar, "many interests would suffer." And as it never occurred to him that this argument is not conclusive, it will as little occur to most of his clients. If "interests" will be helped by Japanese labor and hurt by its exclusion, does not that settle the whole question? Are not "interests" the chief end of man and the sole end of government?

The most interesting result of such a collection would be to bring California up standing, to a realization of the fact that public sentiment is and always has been divided on this Oriental question. Only, until now, but one side of that sentiment has been uttered. The other, for various motives, kept still. Now, with the increase of class consciousness, it may be more freely expressed. For the issue, in its immediate form, is distinctly a class one. Laborers are against the Japanese, because they compete; capitalists are in favor of them for the same reason. In the old days, when the sense of caste was less developed, many members of both sides looked at the question from the broader standpoint of citizenship and patriotism. These are fewer, now, and will stay fewer, until national consciousness again gets the upper hand over class consciousness.

But from the broader standpoint, it is time we were all realizing that the question of Japanese immigration does not at all depend on whether it pays or not. Least of all does it depend on which class it pays. It is a question, rather, of blood and civilization. Far better let "interests" suffer now than that the cause of American civilization suffer, and white blood be polluted, forever. It is a question for the long future, and the preservation of our race. For any one to consider it in the light of lesser "interests" is unpatriotic.

There is a report that the San Francisco grafters will come down upon the legislature and demand laws abolishing or limiting the grand jury, so as to make their present conviction more difficult and future indictments impossible. Let them not try it. They can trifle with technicalities before the court but not before the people of California. And if the people once rise in their wrath, woe betide the man who arouses it!

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE

LONDON, Dec. 29.—For some time Great Britain has been trying to induce Russia to fix the date for the next Hague peace conference, but thus far without success. It has been urged that May would be the most convenient month, but although this suggestion was made early in the fall, no reply has been received from St. Petersburg.

The British delegates to the conference probably will include a cabinet minister, in addition to James Bryce, the newly-appointed ambassador to Washington. However, the delegates will not be announced until something is heard from Russia.

The diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between the British and American governments relative to the situation in the Congo, lead to the belief that any steps toward joint action by the powers will be deferred until the Belgian parliament finally decides whether Belgium shall assume control of the Congo. British officials hope that Belgium will assume this responsibility, as it is claimed that the political status of the Congo state does not permit any power to address representations or protests to any authoritative source.

Such communications now must go through the Belgian foreign office, which, however, possesses no real authority over the Congo. The British official view, therefore, inclines strongly to the annexation of the Congo by Belgium, as the powers then would be able to deal directly with Belgium, and it is held that this would go a long way toward remedying the situation.

RUSSO-JAPAN AGREEMENT

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—The Russo-Japanese negotiations for a treaty of commerce were interrupted today by the departure of Dr. Motoni, the Japanese minister, for a fortnight's stay in Paris. The conferences were continued up to the last moment, but no final agreement was reached.

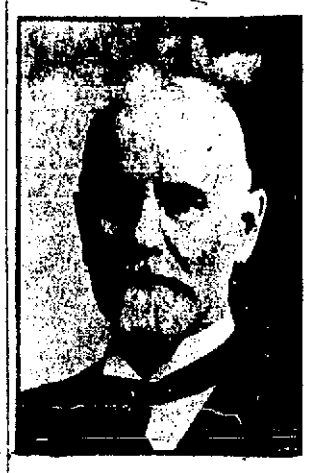
The two principal points of contention are the fisheries question and the navigation of the Sungari river. The official communications tonight confirm statements previously made in these dispatches that the negotiations are proceeding smoothly. The details of the treaty have been practically drafted. Russia's objection to the opening of the Sungari river is due largely to the phraseology of the Chinese draft of the treaty of Aigun, which applies the name Sungari to the main river as far as the sea, and refers to the Amur as merely a branch.

Greater passport facilities for Japan in Asiatic Russia and special tariff privileges for Russian-Japanese commerce on the Manchurian frontier have not been taken up, but there has been a preliminary exchange of views on them.

With reference to the fisheries question, Russia, in view of her future economic development and the colonization of the Pacific coast, has not found it possible to accept the proposals Japan made at the outset, as they gave the Japanese far greater rights than the Portsmouth treaty.

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CLOSE CONVENTION

One of the Most Important in History of the Organization—Legislative Committee Recommended Strengthening the Child Labor Law—Superintendent Freman Honored By County Institute—Dr. Redway on Trade Routes.



Dr. J. W. Redway, Geographer.

The 1906 convention of the California Teachers' association adjourned sine die yesterday at the hour of noon and last night the officers and members of the association began packing their trunks and satchels preparatory to taking the trains for their homes.

Just before the adjournment of the convention, President Van Liew stated that the meeting had been an epoch-making one in the history of the association. He said that something definite could be pointed to as having been done, and referred to the adoption of the new constitution which makes the association a corporation. President Van Liew also thanked the Fresno teachers for the fine time they had furnished the visitors since their arrival here.

The closing session of the State Teachers' convention occurred yesterday morning in the assembly room of the Washington grammar school. Aside from the interesting address by Dr. J. W. Redway, F. R. G. S., of New York, on "The Development of Trades Routes," the time was for the most part taken up with the passing of resolutions and listening to the reports of the various committees.

The session was opened with music, after which Mr. Redway was introduced by President Van Liew. Mr. Redway is an able talker, and is thoroughly informed on all questions of geography. He is the author of many text books on geographical subjects, some of which are used in the schools of this state. Twenty-five years ago Mr. Redway was a teacher in California.

In discussing the development of trade routes, he began with the roads of commerce which led from Venice and Genoa in the middle ages and led up to the building of the Panama canal, and pointed out that commercial history of the Pacific coast would from now be intermingled with the commercial history of the Orient. The formation of the Northern Securities, he said, was popularly supposed to have resulted from a bitter fight between two great railroad systems, but the truth was that the company was organized to fight for the trade of the Orient.

In beginning, Dr. Redway gave a general outline of the trade routes in Europe prior to their being blockaded by the Turk and Saracens. Venice and Genoa at that time were the terminals of these trades routes, but after the Saracens sought to close the routes these cities did not figure in the commerce of the world to any great extent. All energy was then bent on finding a new trade route to the Orient, which the Turkish corsairs and mercenaries could not blockade. It was at this time that Prince Henry of Portugal, commonly styled the navigator, founded his school in Portugal to teach the science of navigation. To this schol flocked all the brightest master mariners in Europe. At this time it was generally believed that Africa was a peninsula and so one after another of the men of Prince Henry's school forced a passage along the coast of Africa until finally Bartholomew Diaz sighted what is now known as the Cape of Good Hope. Being nearly wrecked in a cyclone, he got back to Lisbon in distress. He named this famous cape "Cape Furious." A few years afterward Vasco de Gama rounded the cape and when he cast anchor his ship was at the port of Calico. The effect of this discovery was not tremendous. Instead of concentrating the commerce in Venice and Genoa, the center of commerce jumped up around to the Baltic sea. Little by little as commerce grew the power of the feudal lord disappeared and when after the smoke of battle had passed away on the dismantled foundations of the feudal castle there had grown up the greatest epoch in commerce that ever existed in the world.

The chief result was the lifting of all the western Europe from a very low plane of civilization to a much higher one. Another effect of the change effected in the trade route of Europe was the Spanish development of commerce in the American continent.

The speaker then showed the manner in which the building up of the Erie canal along the lowest level between the Mississippi valley and the Atlantic seaboard had reduced the cost of transportation of wheat from $1.10 per bushel to less than 40 cents. It is now about 5 cents, he said. Dr. Redway continued by saying that the opening of this territory and completion of the canal gave a return cargo to vessels in the American trade before which they had loaded at Philadelphia with sand and gravel for ballast and then dumped it upon the Goodwin shoals. The effect of the return cargo drew away the commerce which had grown at Philadelphia to New York bay and made the city of New York the metropolis of the country. The topography of the Mohawk valley is such that traffic between Buffalo and the seaboard is lifted less than 500 feet. Over the Appalachian mountains it must be lifted nearly 5,000 feet. It is the topography of the country that makes a great trade route and it is the topography which sets a price upon the freight carriage between Chicago and tidewater.

The speaker next described the growth of trade routes across the United States which resulted in the formation of the Northern Securities company. This, the speaker said, was popularly looked upon as a fight between two rival railroad systems, but was in reality a battle with the Suez canal for the control of the Oriental commerce. The battle, continued the speaker, is practically won, and the route across the continent and out of the Pacific coast ports has proven quicker and cheaper for high-class freights than the route by way of the Suez canal.

The completion of the Panama canal also opens a route which will probably be the most important trade route in modern times. When it is completed it will prove to be of the utmost importance to the Pacific coast ports. The volume of business going this way will find a cheaper and easier route than by way of the Suez canal. Moreover, there is one fact with which the people of the Pacific coast must deal for the first time in their existence, namely, that of contact with the Asiatic competition.

"China and the United States are today," he said, "the only countries in the world which are self-supporting within their own boundaries. The resources of coal and iron in each are great. China is now beginning on the same period of development that the United States began upon in 1864. Within a few years her territory will be gridironed with railroads. With her coal and iron she will become, next to the United States, the chief factor in the world's commerce and manufactures, and it is a study of problems of this sort that boys and girls of the Pacific coast will be called upon to face when they reach the age at which they will assume control of this country."

The speech was enthusiastically received, and Dr. Redway was forced to bow his acknowledgments, after which the teachers settled down to the work of closing up the session of 1906.

The committee on legislation reported that it recommended that the child labor law be applied to places of amusements and furthermore that officers should have authority to enter places of business to investigate possible violation of the laws, and also that all officers should be truant officers as well as peace officers.

This committee also recommended that teachers be relieved from the enforcement of compulsory vaccination. It was further suggested that the school age be made from five to twenty years and that trustees from High schools be chosen at the general election.

The council of education for the ensuing year, it was announced, would be composed of the following teachers: Prof. Henry Suzzallo of Stanford, O. P. Jenkins of Stanford, C. F. Walker of Hanford, E. W. Erlewine of Sacramento, R. D. Faulkener of San Francisco, Edna A. Rich of Santa Barbara and Joseph O'Connor of San Francisco. R. A. Lee was appointed to hold the unexpired term of District Attorney Landon of San Francisco, and Prof. A. E. Lange of Berkeley for the unexpired term of Dr. E. C. Moore.

The committee on resolutions then made its report, in which it stated that it heartily coincided with the recommendations proposed by the committee on legislation and then concluded their report by thanking Superintendent McLane and Superintendent Froman of Fresno and the teachers of this county and city in general for the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained and then extended greetings to the National Teachers' association, which will meet in California next year, and promised a membership of 5,000.

The State Teachers' convention was then declared adjourned after president Van Liew had thanked the teachers for their cordial support and made note of the fact that this convention had been an epoch making one in the history of the association.

At 9 o'clock yesterday morning the Fresno County Institute met in the Washington Grammar school and after presenting resolutions of sympathy to County Superintendent of Schools Freman because of his late bereavement and also presenting him with a writing set for his faithful service in the office of county superintendent, merged into the general session of the teachers' association.

TAFT FRANK; BRYAN FOXY

Former Not a Candidate, But Willing.

Latter Has to Correct Statement That He Would Never Refuse.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Secretary Taft made the following statement today concerning his presidential aspirations:

"For the purpose of relieving the burden imposed by recent publications upon some of my friends among the Washington newspaper correspondents of putting further inquiries to me, I wish to say that my ambition is not political; that I am not seeking the Republican nomination; that I do not expect to be the Republican candidate, if for no reason than because of what seem to me to be objections to my availability, which do not appear to lessen with the continued discharge of my own official duty; but that I am not foolish enough to say that, in the improbable event that the opportunity to run for the office of president should come to me, I should decline, for this would not be true."

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 29.—William J. Bryan tonight said that in an interview with him at Topeka, Kansas, he had been quoted as saying, referring to his possible candidacy for the presidency: "No one would decline a nomination of that kind."

Bryan said that to that extent the Topeka interview was incorrect. He insisted that he had nothing to add to the statement given out by him in London several months ago, and repeated several times since, namely: He does not think the time has come for him to announce that he will be a candidate, or to announce that he will not be a candidate.

"Circumstances," said he, "must determine that question, and it is too far from the convention to settle now."

LITTERATEURS ARE MARRIED

Hallie Erminie Rives Wedded Post Wheeler.

Ceremony Took Place Yesterday at American Embassy in Tokio.

TOKIO, Dec. 29.—The wedding of Post Wheeler, second secretary of the American embassy, and Hallie Erminie Rives, the novelist, which took place at the embassy today, was a brilliant success. The attendance of invited guests was large, including many prominent Japanese and foreigners. The presents were elegant and numerous.

Miss Rives is a member of the well-known Rives family of Virginia and is a cousin of the Princess Troubetzkoy of Russia, who was formerly Miss Amelie Rives, the author of "The Quick or the Dead." Wheeler comes from the state of Washington and is a poet of the Sierras, like Joaquin Miller. For some time he has been a resident of New York, where his verse won him title of "The Eugene Field of New York."

He is now second secretary of the American embassy of Japan, having been recently confirmed by the senate.

Japan Enchants.

Wheeler was appointed second secretary of the Japanese embassy during the latter part of the summer. He and Miss Rives recently went to Japan. Miss Rives the other day wrote, Japan is enchanting. I am living in a fairy story in a picture book world."

Miss Rives was given away by Ambassador Wright, who is an old friend of the Rives family, of Kentucky and Virginia, and Mrs. Wright was Miss Rives' matron of honor. Dr. McKim, the American bishop to Japan, officiated and Wheeler's best man was a Japanese count, an old college chum of his in America, and now a member of the Japanese house of peers.

Miss Rives, though born in Kentucky, is a Virginian of Virginians. The Rives family of that state is descended from Dorsetshire, England, whose descendants came with the Cavalier Emigration to Virginia in 1645. From them came the Virginian Rives. The great-grandsons, Robert and Thomas Rives, who were sons of William Rives, of Sussex county, were in the continental ranks when Yorktown fell.

Distinguished Ancestors.

The elder son of Robert was William Cabell Rives, who was a brilliant ambassador from this country to France in the early days. The second son, Alexander, was sent to the court of St. James in President Tyler's administration. William Cabell Rives' son was the law partner of Alexander Hamilton, and his niece married Nicholas Longworth, the founder of Cincinnati, and the grand father of Nicholas Longworth, the congressman of today.

Amelie Rives, now the Princess Troubetzkoy, is the granddaughter of Francis. It is from Thomas Rives, the second son of William Rives, of Sussex, that Miss Hallie Erminie Rives is descended. Miss Rives' great-great-great-grandfather, Tillotson, was the Archbishop of Canterbury. His son was the famous Sir John Tillotson, whose son came to America and married Mildred Gold, the colonial beauty.

The granddaughter of this union was Miss Rives' mother. She was known as the "beautiful Mary Ragedale," and was the belle of a group of Virginia plantation counties. From her mother Miss Rives got her love of horses, which she shows so clearly in her novel, "Hearts Courageous."

Always Misunderstood.

Miss Hallie Erminie Rives is an only child. From babyhood she was always misunderstood by almost every one save her father. Between these two there has always been a close understanding and ideal comradeship. The two were always caring little for convention, and nothing whatever for small-talk. The mother had become an invalid and the child grew up a nature-lover.

From a baby she had a desire for writing. She wrote her first novel at the age of 8, before she had ever read one. When she was 14 she wrote a story of the boyhood of Adlai Stevenson, her father's friend from youth. She sent the scribbled story to a Chicago paper. It was immediately accepted, and as Stevenson was then a candidate for the vice-presidency the story, which read like finished fiction, was copied throughout the country.

She set herself then to read and study. At the age of 18 she published "Smoking Flax." That was a direct blow from the vantage ground of the South full in the face of Northern anti-lynch sentiment. It was in a sense a fiction justification of Judge Lynch. The story was received in the South with enthusiastic bravos and in the North with invective.

"A Furnace of Earth."

In 1899 she published "A Furnace of Earth." This work issued simultaneously in this country, and in England received as wide comment as her cousin's novel, "The Quick or the Dead."

Her novel, "Hearts Courageous," was issued in 1902, and was afterward dramatized. It dealt with Patrick Henry, whom Miss Rives regarded as the greatest Virginian that ever lived. Ever since she began to write she had dreamed of putting him—homely face, leather breeches, and all—into a novel.

Wheeler is one of the best one-verse writers and newspaper paragraphers of America. For a long time he wrote the "Reflections of a Bachelor" paragraphs in the New York Press. He is slender and collegiate looking, and those who know him as the one-time lecturer at Princeton, or as a writer of poems, would never guess that he had spent years roughing it in the great Northwest, above the arctic circle, hunting and camping with the Indians, or dog-driving on the Yukon ice trail at 61 degrees below zero.

TOKIO, Dec. 29.—The diet was opened this morning by the emperor in person. In his speech from the throne his majesty dwell on the increasingly cordial relations between Japan and the powers and the improvement in national defense. The diet will meet again January 21st when the budget will be presented.

On Page 6 You Will See Something in Our Big Ad to Make You Smile

POLISH TOWN TERRORIZED

Wholesale Murders in Lodz By Socialists.

Mills Close Down and Better Classes Flee In Fear of Massacre.

LODZ, Dec. 29.—The situation here is rapidly becoming acute. Sanguinary encounters were frequent during the day. Up to this hour six persons have been killed and twelve wounded. The authorities, at first supine, are now more active and are preparing to meet all emergencies. It is generally anticipated that the workmen will eventually secure the upper hand over the socialists, drive out the agitators and resume work within a few days. The principal Polish bankers say they do not fear any financial difficulties among the firms which have been forced to close down their works.

Owners of several of the largest factories factories here, employing 100,000 persons, today announced their intention of closing their establishments this evening because of the system of terrorism begun by the extreme socialists.

The announcement caused great excitement among the inhabitants and the factory employes fear that when this great army of unemployed begins to feel the want of bread, rioting will occur. The factory employes, as a rule, are without any means of support for themselves and their families during the hard winter.

A mill owner said the employers were compelled to close down because the socialists and militia control the entire city and are murdering all those who do not accept their demands, which makes the continuance of business impossible.

The socialists yesterday murdered no less than a score of nationalist workmen in this city and vicinity and they threaten to organize street riots and compel citizens at the point of revolvers to feed and lodge the unemployed.

The manager of the Scheiblers cotton mills and the foreman and engineer of another factory were murdered last night by socialists and the engineers of those and other establishments, fearing assassination, refused to work today. Consequently four of the largest cotton mills shut down early today and others will close this evening.

Several street encounters occurred today. The engineers and skilled artisans are leaving Lodz. Many wealthy inhabitants have left in anticipation of disorders.

Later—All factories here have closed down indefinitely. The workmen are dispersing quietly. The authorities are concentrating additional troops. Many of the workmen are declaring they are willing to accept the employers' terms, but the extreme socialists among them prevent this by threatening to murder all who yield.

PAT ORTEGA WELL KILLED

Member of San Jose Gang Is Shot Dead.

Threatened Sentinel at Teamsters' Union and Five Bullets Took Effect.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 29.—Pat Ortega, youngest member of the notorious gang which for years terrorized the city, was shot tonight and instantly killed by Daniel C. Hubbard at a meeting of the teamsters' union at Maccabee hall.

Both men are members of the union. Hubbard is outside sentinel and acting as such, refused to admit Ortega, claiming that the latter was not in good standing. Ortega forced his way in and is alleged at the same time to have placed his hand to his pocket with the threat "I'll get you," directed at Hubbard. The latter instantly drew a revolver and fired five shots, all of them taking effect.

Hubbard then gave himself up to the police. Ortega is one of five brothers, one of whom is serving a life sentence in San Quentin for criminal assault, another is serving fifteen years for robbery, and two others are in constant trouble with the police.

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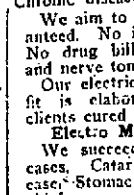
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PRESBYTERIAN PRAISE SERVICE

Musical Program to Be Rendered this Evening By Local and Visiting Artists.

At the First Presbyterian church this evening the usual monthly praise service will be given, the choir being under the direction of A. G. Wahlberg. The program for the evening will be as follows:

Flute, "Nearer My God".....Langley
Fred J. Armstrong.
"Hallelujah Chorus" .....
..... From Handel's Messiah
Choir.
Responsive Reading.
Hymn No. 140 .....Lowe
Congregation and Choir.
Scripture Reading and Prayer.
Quartette, "Arise! Shine For Thy Light ..... Dudley Buck
Mrs. Don Pardee Riggs, soprano; Miss Bell T. Ritchie, alto; Dr. C. C. Williams, tenor; A. G. Wahlberg, bass.
Contralto solo, "The Lord is Mindful of His Own .....
...From Mendelssohn's "St. Paul"
Miss Bell T. Ritchie.
Announcements.
Offertory anthem, "And the Glory of the Lord" .....
..... From Handel's "Messiah"
Choir.
Hymn No. 29 ..... Von Weber
Congregation and Choir.
Sermon, "A Year of Applied Christianity."
Dr. Thomas Boyd.
"Sing, O Heavens" .....Tours
Choir.
Benediction.
Beethoven Chant Gloria.
Flute solo, "Spring's Awakening".Bach
Fred J. Armstrong.

DEL REY DANES HAVE MERRY CHRISTMAS TIME

Danish Brotherhood had a Christmas tree Friday evening at Wilkinson hall at Del Rey. The affair was mostly attended by members and families, there being about 200 present. After an interesting program by the children, there was quite a spread of good things to eat. When the table was cleared, dancing began and lasted until 3 in the morning.

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Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Fresno County Humane society will be held in the parlors of the Peoples' Savings bank, Tulare street, in the city of Fresno, on Monday, the 14th day of January, 1907, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of receiving the directors' report for the year 1906, and electing directors.

Dated the 1st day of January, 1907.
WILLIAM HARVEY Sr., Sec.

Notice.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 2027 Merced street, between J and K: Services 11 a. m., subject, "God"; Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Pope Received Santos Dumont.

ROME, Dec. 29.—The pope today received in private audience Santos Dumont, the aeronaut. He congratulated him upon his success and wished him further triumph.

Royalties Sent Pope Greetings.

ROME, Dec. 29.—The Socialist paper Avanti says Queen Margherita, the Duke and Duchess of Aosta, Princess Clotilde and Princess Letitia have sent Christmas and New Year's greetings to the pope.

THE FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICAN

WEATHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Forecast for San Joaquin Valley—Fair Sunday, possibly light frost in the morning; light east wind.

FRESNO, Dec. 29.—Official readings at 5 p. m.:

Temperature, dry bulb	55
Temperature, wet bulb	50
Humidity	85
Wind (S. E.), miles per hour	4
Maximum temperature	56
Minimum temperature	42
Precipitation for the season	2.42

Cloudy Sunday; light frost in the morning.

5 a. m.—Moderately high pressure dominates the region east of the Mississippi river, with slightly warmer weather. Light rain has fallen over most of the Atlantic slope, the Ohio and middle Mississippi valleys. A storm of considerable energy covers most of the middle West, being central over Kansas. It has caused general rain or snow over Nevada, southern California and the south Rocky mountain states. Cloudy, cold weather prevails over the Plateau region and all the states north of the 40th parallel. A slight disturbance is moving eastward along the Canadian border from British Columbia, causing light rain or snow over Oregon, Washington and Montana. The pressure is increasing over the Pacific coast, with favorable conditions for fair weather at Fresno and vicinity tonight, followed by cloudy Sunday, with light frost Sunday morning.

J. B. BOLTON,
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LOCAL BREVITIES.

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All day Tuesday,
New Year's.

Dr. Thomas, dentist.

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Oak Shaving Parlors, 1035 I St.

Mrs. M. Shimmins, the florist.

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Christmas novelties, all kinds of floral arrangements at Miss Seibert's the florist, 1150 I St. Main 2975.

A large amethyst brooch was lost last night. Finder please return to 804 O street and receive reward.

Hughes Cafe, regular dinner 75 cents. Best values in the county. Music tonight by Barton orchestra.

J. G. Martin, aged 26 years, of Bakersfield, and Elizabeth F. Bullinger, 26, of Reedley, were married by Judge Smith yesterday afternoon.

Moving to San Francisco. Doors, windows, moulding and all classes of millwork must be sold before the 10th of January. Anderson Bros. Planing Mill.

Fresno Lodge, 247, F. & A. M. There will be work in the 3rd degree on Jan. 1, 1907, 2:30 p. m. All Masons invited. A. B. Smith, W. M., J. D. Galloway, Sec.

For Sale—3400 acres. Over 2000 acres of fine level orange land. East of Fresno; $10 per acre. One of the best buys ever offered. J. H. Rafferty, 1945 Tulare street.

R. Miller and F. E. Elliott were brought to the county jail by Constable Davis of Mendota last evening to serve a sentence of fifteen days, imposed by Justice Banta for vagrancy.

Christmas Tree—St. James' Sunday school will have a Christmas tree at Kohler hall, Merced and K streets, on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All children attending the Sunday school are requested to be there.

PERSONAL MENTION.

M. D. Herman left last evening for Los Angeles.

J. F. Wolff of Sanger will spend Sunday in the city.

T. W. Henderson of Merced will spend today in this city.

J. J. White, wife and child are registered at the Hughes.

John G. Simpson of Oakland is registered at the Grand Central.

Tom Hogsen of Los Angeles is registered at the Grand Central.

F. N. Acker of San Francisco is stopping at the Grand Central.

Dr. George Gordon and Wm. D. Gordon of Hanford spent last evening in the city.

Mrs. E. M. Deardorff, who is visiting in Fresno, is staying at the Hughes block.

Will and James McSwain left on the Owl last evening for a few days' visit at Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hawken and Mrs. R. V. Jewell of Los Angeles are registered at the Grand Central.

Mrs. R. E. Adams of Newman arrived in the city on the Owl last evening for a visit at the home of Deputy Sheriff W. F. McSwain.

James Price, who is connected with the Southern Pacific offices in Oakland, arrived on the Owl last evening to spend Sunday in the city.

Harriman Will Transport Supplies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—A dispatch addressed to the president was received today from E. H. Harriman, stating that he would transport free of charge all supplies for Chinese famine sufferers. The free transportation is to begin at San Francisco and end at Wu Hung, the port for Shanghai and Hongkong. This information was sent to the state department, and the American Red Cross.

Orchard Was in Court.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 29.—Harry Orchard, who confessed that he assassinated former Governor Frank Steunenberg and in his confession involved Charles H. Moyer, William D. Haywood and George A. Pettibone, members of the Western Federation of Miners, today was taken from the state penitentiary at Caldwell, where his case was continued until the next term of court. Later in the day Orchard was brought back to the penitentiary.

HICKS IN ROLE OF LECTURER

Spoke In Recreation Park Last Night.

Declares Himself a Firm Believer In the Saving Power of God.

Lindsey B. Hicks, the miner who was entombed in a shaft near Bakersfield for fifteen days and ten and half hours, lectured in Fresno last night at Recreation Park to a large crowd. Hicks showed plainly the effects of his long entombment, his face being emaciated and his personal appearance one of extreme nervousness. His muscles constantly twitched and his eyes blinked incessantly. With him were his fellow miners, Rutherford and Price, who so materially aided in his delivery from his living tomb. Harry Linville, a close friend of the man with the iron nerve was also on the platform and in a few well chosen words introduced him. Hicks began his lecture by showing a map of the shaft that he was entombed in. For three days Hicks said he lingered in a place hardly large enough for a man to lie at full length without the least kind of substantial nourishment. "Why," said Hicks, "if it had not been for a large piece of chewing tobacco that I had carried down in the shaft with me on the eventful morning of December 7th, when the cave-in took place, I do not know but what I would still be lying in the shaft as a decaying corpse. As soon as I found out that I was being held as a living captive in the shaft by reason of the cave-in, I knew that I must depend upon my tobacco for nutrition. So biting off small pieces every now and then I sucked the sweetness out of the weed and then swallowed it. It is surprising that I did not become sick from such nourishment, and although it made me feel faint and dizzy at times I managed to overcome these obstacles.

"Some of the most anxious moments that I had were when I was tapping on the rail, attempting to give the miner's signal of distress to friends above who I was sure were there trying to rescue any of the men who they thought might be alive in the shaft. Time and time again I tapped on the rail, but the men who finally rescued me told me that at first they thought my signals were an echo of the ones that they were sending down, but finally the sounds which they thought were echoes became louder and then they were convinced that somebody was in the tomb. Thus the work began which resulted in my rescue.

"It would be impossible for me to adequately describe to you who are assembled here the torture and misery that I was forced to endure for over two solid weeks. As I said before, the space in which I was forced to lie was not large enough for me even to turn over. The first thing that I did as soon as I realized that a cave-in had occurred was to throw myself on my face and cover my face with my hands so as to avoid strangulation by the great quantities of dust which arose and which in many cases resulted in the death of some of my fellow miners. All the time that I was down there in that hole I could see some of the bodies of the men who had not been as lucky as I. It was a terrible sight to see and the stench that arose in a few days was enough to make a man sick, aside from the very uncomfortable position he was placed in. Rats and other animals crawled over my body more than once.

"On the third day after I had been constantly giving signals upon signals it was with a thrill of joy and expectancy that I placed my ear to the rail and heard a reply to my signal. Then for the first time since I had been entombed I realized that I had a chance to be saved. Then the pipe through which food was given to me was inserted in the ground, but the end was some distance from me, so that I had to lick the milk off the ground when it was first poured down. But how good it did taste, and I signaled for more. Then the pipe was shoved down further until I was able to touch the end with my tongue. Fortunately I had a cloth in my pocket which I wrapped around the end of the spout and so collected the food.

"You all have read how I acted when I first realized that I had been rescued. You know that I cried, and the doctor cried who had been working with me at the top of the shaft. It is not strange that I cried. It was a cry of joy and appreciation for what had been done for me. I am a firm believer in God Almighty, and I do not think that I would have ever been saved if he had not aided me."

Charles C. Carpenter of Oakland is Hick's manager. Mr. Carpenter said that Hicks would show at Recreation Park this afternoon and night, and then would leave for Los Angeles, where the people are clamoring to see him. From Los Angeles, he would take Hicks throughout the East. In nearly every big city dates have already been made, and many tickets sold. Carpenter says that the East is wild to see the man who did not succumb to the unhealthy conditions which existed while he was blocked in the shaft.

SCOTS WILL OBSERVE BURNS' BIRTHDAY

Mackenzie Gordon Asked to Sing Scottish Songs on the Occasion.

The St. Andrews' society held an important meeting last evening at which time preliminary arrangements were made to fittingly celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, the greatest of Scottish poets on the evening of January 22d. A committee was appointed to communicate with the McKenzie-Gordons of Berkeley, to render a Scotch concert in this city, as a part of the anniversary program. A committee was also appointed to prepare a suitable program and secure a hall for the occasion. Following the business session, the members enjoyed a social session, and one of the most enjoyable events of the evening was the selection rendered on the bagpipe by William G. Gordon in the full uniform of Gordons famous Highlanders. Both W. G. Gordon and his brother, Dr. George Gordon of Hanford, were guests of the society during the evening. William Gordon has only been over from Scotland about two years, previous to that time serving with "Gordon's Highlanders."

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We have added to our linen department this season a splendid line of cloth in German Irish and Scotch linens of various sizes with border around entire cloth with napkins to match.

2 1-2 yard cloth, in a complete line of the latest patterns, each... ..... $2.75

2 1-2 yard cloth of full bleached satin damask, in an extensive variety of new patterns $7.50

2 by 3 yard cloth superior satin damask of the best Irish make in snow drop, fleur de lis and many designs at $9.50

Table Damask

70 inch full bleached German table damask, all linen, lily, snow drop and pine apple patterns, at per yard $1.00

3-4 napkins to match, at, per doz $3.00

Extra heavy Scotch table damask, full bleached and 72 inches wide. This is a linen that will wear for years, in pansy, Fleur de Lis, tulip and rose patterns, at per yard $1.50

3-4 napkins to match at, per doz $5.00

Fine heavy double satin damask, full 72 inches wide, made from pure Irish flax and a linen we can guarantee to wear, chrysanthemum, rose and plain center with beautiful floral border, per yard $2.00

Extra size napkins to match, per doz $6.50

Lunch Cloths

2 yard square fringed linen cloth, in polka dot and clover leaf patterns, at each $1.75

3-4 hemstitched lunch cloths, in full bleached linen floral designs at each $2.25

8-4 cloth hem-stitched silver bleached German linen, exceptionally choice patterns, each $2.50

Extra heavy Scotch damask cloth, 2 1-2x2 1-2 yards, suitable for either square or round table in plain center and floral design at each $7.75

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COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

National Association Favors Amalgamation.

Would Have College Representatives Work With Foot-Ball Rules Committee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States here today put itself on record as favoring the amalgamation of the present football committee with the representatives of Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Annapolis, and Chicago universities during 1907. In case it cannot be accomplished, the seven members of the football rules committee of the I. C. A. A. A. of the United States appointed for the coming year, were directed to formulate rules under which football shall be played by the institutions joining the association.

With a view to extending the membership, it was decided to amend the by-laws so that a conference of several colleges may be presented in the I. C. A. A. by a single delegate. Captain Palmer Pierce of West Point was authorized to appoint a committee of three to endeavor to bring about amalgamation.

There was but a single change in the football rules committee and that was, that Curtiss be replaced by Prof. W. L. Dudley of Vanderbilt, who will represent all the Southern colleges. This was approved by the convention.

The following officers were elected: President, Palmer Pierce, West Point; vice president, Harry T. Williams, Minnesota; secretary-treasurer, Professor Louis Bexier.

On the executive committee, the Western states will be represented by Dr. C. W. Hetherington, University of Missouri. No selection was made for the Pacific coast district, there being no members from those states.

The condition of college athletics in Colorado, Ohio, Texas, and other parts of the country, was explained by delegates. They all stated that the association work is raising the standard of amateur sports and that a great advancement in that line was accomplished during the past year.

Teachers Endorse Phonetic Spelling.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 29. The Wisconsin Teachers' association today endorsed the simplified spelling board and the action of President Roosevelt in furtherance of the movement for phonetic spelling, but added President Roosevelt's recommendation in his annual message for scientific target practice in the high school.

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GANS AND HERMAN READY FOR THE RING

Little Betting at Tonopah, But Plenty of Gans Money to Wager on the Result.

TONOPAH, Nev., Dec. 29.—Barring an early morning spring over the country roads through the snow and slush, Gans and Herman did little in the way of exercise this morning.

"I am ready to go into the ring at a moment's notice," said Herman, after returning from this jaunt. "I wish the fight could be brought off today, so anxious am I to get into action."

The fighters were examined by the club physicians this afternoon. Betting on the result of the fight was practically nil in the local poolrooms. A few small wagers only were placed in the boxes of the pool sellers. Herman's manager has received a telegram from Harry Worden, a well known citizen of Chicago, stating he had $10,000 to wager on Herman and requesting that the money be placed at odds of 2 to 1. The money has been telegraphed here and Gans has virtually agreed to take $5,000 at the prevailing odds. The balance will probably be quickly taken up, as there is plenty of the Gans end in Tonopah.

Manager Riley of the Casino club, has informed the press that he is in receipt of a telegram from James J. Jeffries in which the boilermaker states that he will leave Los Angeles tonight to attend the fight. Riley adds that the reason he failed to receive a response to his telegram asking Jeffries to act as referee in the coming fight was due to a hitch in the negotiations conducted by his Los Angeles representatives. Riley further states that the big fellow wired him that he would do all in his power in the way of offering his services to the club management while in Tonopah.

The club manager also gave out the information that Jimmy Britt will challenge the winner of the fight and that he has already offered a big purse for such a battle to be decided in Tonopah at an early date.

Pennsylvania's Engineers Satisfied.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 29.—The grievance committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which has been in Pittsburg for several weeks in conference with the officials of the Pennsylvania lines west, in regard to an adjustment of the wage scale, has accepted the 10 per cent increase granted recently and some radical changes, it is said, have been made in the working conditions.

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All broken lines, all short lots, will be gathered together; every garment, every yard of goods, every bit or merchandise thus assembled will be worth every penny it was the day before "Happy Week" struck this store; but all rough corners will be cut off the price tags, and the whole store will turn into the biggest kind of a bargain bazaar.

This will continue for one week. As the bargain lines become still shorter, new "specials" being added, that the jollity of the sale may continue until the last moment of the sale has passed away, and "Happy Week" is only a memory—to be recalled, talked about and be smiled at for a year to come.

Come—and have a good time. We promise you that you will smile as broadly and enjoyably as will every friend you meet here, and even every single member of our sales force who will wait upon you.

"HAPPY WEEK" BEGINS AT 9 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 31ST.

IT WILL END AT 9 O'CLOCK ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 5TH.

You'll Cheer Up at These Suit Prices.

We offer your choice of any ladies' suit in the house that sold up to $20.00 for the jolliest price you've ever bought a suit for. $8.88.

Brace up. These prices are like a good tonic.

12½c Pillow Case, 11c.

These are 45x36, the size mostly in use; of good quality of soft finished muslin; hemmed ready for use.

7c Bleached Towel, 5c.

January clearance is responsible for the low price. We've surplus stock, so this price to right stocks.

75c Taffeta Silk, 58c.

Adapted for lining or underskirting; all the leading shades.

$1.00 Fancy Louisine Silk, 65c.

In four hades of blue, green, brown, gray with small hair-line stripe.

"You'll be tickled to death" with these silk prices when you see the goods.

$6.50 Smoking Jackets, $4.85.

Clearance prices prevail because sizes are broken.

$7.50 Fancy Smoking Jackets, $5.95.

In an assorted lot of patterns. Only one and two of a kind left, so this price prevails.

Maybe these prices won't cause a smile to creep over the "captain's" countenance when he sees what savings can be made.

75c Novelty Dress Goods, 56c.

In several of the leading shades; suitable for children's school dresses.

75c Repellant Cloth, 62c.

54 inches wide; suitable for utility coats or rainy day skirts; comes in several shades. Three yards will make a skirt.

Good news for women who need dress goods.

Just see what a smile and a few dollars will do for you.

$8.50 White Wool Blankets, $6.85.

72x84. It weighs seven pounds and you can see by the weight and size how good it is. The edges are bound in silk.

$6.00 White Wool Blanket, $4.85.

72x84. It weighs six pounds, fancy colored border; silk bound.

Women who won't smile at these bargains must be very unhappy.

Turn over collars, made of sheer Swiss, embroidered and hemstitched, 5c.

Black and colored Taffeta Ribbon, 5 inches wide, the kind that sold everywhere for 25c, is priced 25c during this happy event.

You Will Never Have

the blues when $15.00 coats are priced this way.

Choice of any finely tailored ladies' long coat, in black or mixtures, all sizes, $9.85.

Merry Making Millinery Quotations.

Women's untrimmed shapes were formerly marked $1.50. To show you we're good natured they are yours for a half a dollar. The balance of the Gage hats are now $4.95—that's cheap enough to make you cry.

You'll laugh and grow fat if you only follow our happy sale.

$2.50 Sikaline Comforter, $2.15.

Clean white cotton filled; tufted. You won't find a better comforter anywhere. To see it is to buy it.

8 1-3 Dark Outing Cloth, 5c.

They are short lengths left over from a busy season, in ten and twenty yard lengths.

Happy Prices Rule in the Basement.

25c Bath Mats, 15c.

35c Hair Brushes, 25c.

10c Sponges, 5c.

15c "Uncle Sam's" Tar Soap, 9c.

50c Hartick's Malted Milk, 40c.

25c Cup and Saucers, 19c.

When you hear the comic songs we're selling at 10c you'll laugh just as heartily as the major.

25c Song Hits, 10c.

Slightly mussed covers from handling and used in demonstrations in the music section.

Underwear to make you happy.

50c Values for 39c.

Fleece lined union suits in white and gray; all sizes.

$1.00 Munsing Vests and Pants, 75c.

In broken sizes. No need to pay more when prices go like these.

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THE HOUSE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY

Happy Go Lucky Prices on Winter Skirts.

Take any one of these fine dress skirts of ours and the price will drop a fourth if you'll only be good natured when you ask to see them.

Overcoat Specials to Warm the Cockles of Your Heart.

There is nothing like a good bargain to make the men happy, so here's their chance—$15.00 overcoats are offered at $8.88. This includes all the very newest styles for this season. "Ain't it grand?"

The jolliest prices on domestics that you'll hear of in a long time.

7c Dark Blue Calicos, 5c.

You know how high cotton goods are climbing? Almost impossible to buy them as cheap as we offer these; but we've several hundred pieces too many for present needs.

75c Bed Sheets, 59c.

They're 90x90. Notice the size. Hemmed ready for use, with seam in the center.

Girls made happy. Warm $5.00 coats, $3.85.

For girls 6 to 10 years. Good warm, stylish winter coats that are in the top notch of style. It's like finding money to get these for so little.

50c Boys' Colored Waists, 40c.

Colored percals with self collar attached; ages 5 to 10 years.

50c Boys' Golf Shirts, 40c.

Assorted in dark and light patterns; both percales and madrases.

25c Boys' Unlaundered Waists, 19c.

In ages 4 to 12 years; in percales, in fancy patterns.

Mothers who have healthy romping boys to clothe can't resist smiling at these bargains.

A smile and a few cents will work wonders at the notion counter.

5c Cube Pins, 3c.

5c Feather Stitched Braid, 3c.

5c Hair Pins, 3c.

5c Thimbles, 3c.

25c Dress Shields, 15c.

5c Colored Border Handkerchiefs, 2c.

Cheerful and contented will be the man who puts on one of these $1.00 shirts for 68c; because he will get the best value for the least money that is possible to obtain.

TRADE BOOM TO BEGIN 1907

Old Year Closes With Good Prospects.

Record Holiday Business Has Exhausted Stocks—General Outlook.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Bradstreets says.

With an unparalleled volume of business for 1906, increased by a record holiday trade and a heavy volume of future orders booked. The commercial and industrial interests of the country look forward with confidence to the developments of 1907. Car shortages still prevail, though the situation is somewhat better in such sections as the Northwest and parts of the South.

Copper is higher, spot being from 23½ to probably 25 cents a pound, the latter figure being for small lots.

Raw sugar at New York has receded to a level corresponding to the quotations for new Cuban sugar, dropping from 3.875 cents to 3.58 cents (30 points) without sales. Cuban production is larger. Beet sugar production this year exceeded that of Louisiana cane.

Hides are easier, but tanners take only immediate requirements. The trade in alcohol is in a transition period. Wood alcohol has dropped 30 cents per gallon, owing to the going into effect of the new law on January 1st. Little buying is reported pending the changes.

Business failures for the week ending December 27th in the United States numbered 161, against 227 last week, and 212 in the like week of 1905.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Christmas week made a favorable comparison with previous years as to the volume of trade. Retailers' stocks of winter goods have been so well distributed that there remains less the usual assortments for bargain sales. Lack of snow greatly facilitates building operations in many cities and work is making rapid progress, although delayed deliveries of materials retard operations in this industry. Prices for packers' hides are firmly maintained and some varieties have risen still higher. Tanners in need of prompt shipments are often compelled to pay a premium.

Narrow holiday markets have prevailed for the leading staples of the farm, small changes in prices occurring but no developments of significance being recorded.

CAR FAMINE HAS RESULTS

Great Falling Off of Internal Commerce.

Livestock, Packing House Products and Grain Movements Reduced.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The car shortage problem has had its influence on the movement of internal commerce during the past month according to a statement issued today by the bureau of statistics, of the department of commerce and labor. While the statement declares it is impossible to determine to what extent inadequate transportation facilities affected the movement of grain, live stock, meat products and in some localities, lumber and coal, in November, it says it can undoubtedly be affirmed that they would have been much heavier had the railroads been able to cope with the situation.

A marked decline is shown in movements of certain important staples when compared with November of last year, but an increase for the eleven months of the present year. The total live stock receipts at seven interior primary markets during November aggregate 3,534,117 head, a falling off of about 300,000 head from the same month of last year. For the eleven months of the present year like arrivals aggregated 37,442,129 head, compared with 37,089,797 head for the like period of 1905.

A considerable falling off is shown in shipments in packing house products from Chicago during November, there being a total of 218,110,712 pounds, against 296,060,362 for the same period of 1905. The most noticeable decline is shown in receipts of grain, the total figures for fifteen interior markets during November having been 75,779,424 bushels, showing a falling off of over 17,600,000 bushels from November, 1905. For the eleven months of the present year, grain receipts aggregated 721,944,571 bushels, exceeding like months in 1905 by more than 11,500,000 bushels. Decreases which occurred in the receipts of wheat, barley and rye, were offset by an increase in the receipts of corn and oats.

ROBBED THE CASHIER AND FIRED THE PLACE—LOSS ABOUT $350,000

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 28.—Three large brick making plants at Dover Point were destroyed by fire tonight which is believed to have been started by two men who robbed the bookkeeper, Charles Goldwaite. Goldwaite was knocked unconscious by a blow on the head. The police believe that the robbers, fearing that they had killed Goldwaite, set fire to the building to conceal their crime. The value of the plant is estimated at $350,000.

President Saw No Turkeys.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 28.—President Roosevelt's hunt today across Hardware river, a dozen miles from Pine Knot, was fruitless as far as wild turkeys were concerned, the only trophies being a few birds, which were encountered on the return trip. The party included the president, Surgeon General Rixey, Joseph Wilmer, Kermit Roosevelt and Lieutenant Hammer.

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-PRINTERS' INK PAYS-

Society

Miss Beatrice Williams, whose marriage to Lee Coates will take place on Wednesday morning.

A strenuous week it has been to be sure. Grave and reverend seignior professors to join with the rank and file of the teachers' convention have been amongst us waking us up to new thoughts and ideas of life. They possessed the town and we felt honored by their presence—only sorry that Jupiter Pluvius owned it at the time and did not provide better weather. It was the irony of fate that the sun shone only upon their departure.

The innocent (?) Lambs gamboled upon our highways and enjoyed themselves in spite of dull and dripping skies. But it is all over now and the holiday season nearly closed. Maids and youths at home on their vacations will soon return to their various schools and colleges, and all eyes will soon be turned upon the glad New Year eager to see what it holds for us and what we can make out of it.

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The departing hours of the old year are to be ushered out and the joyous New Year welcomed in a number of homes and also at several larger affairs and tomorrow night promises to be an eventful one socially.

At the Hughes hotel the Eschocholtzis club will give the third of its series of delightful dances and judging from whispered rumors that are afloat it is to be quite the swellest event of the season. Everyone is anticipating it with particular pleasure, for all the best efforts of the committee have been centered upon this event. There are a number of visitors in town which will help to swell the merry throng.

Sharing favor with this affair will be the New Year's watch party at "Ardem," the charming country place of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Elliott, which has been the setting for so many jolly good times among both the young people and the older married set. There will be a supper followed by music and dancing and the usual merry celebration at midnight. A number of the country people have been bidden to this affair, together with quite a few of the town friends of this generous host and hostess.

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Nearly all of the blessed "Lambs" have said their farewells and will be homeward bound on the outgoing trains today after four days of jollification and happy reunion. The business sessions have been held at the homes of the various local members and have been attended with great interest but of course it is all a huge secret—all except the name of the newly chosen grand president, Miss Eugenia Miller, with Miss Lucila Swift as delegate from the Epsilon chapter.

Yesterday in the dining room of the Hughes the visitors were entertained

Mrs. William Forsyth, who is entertaining with private theatricals on Thursday.

at luncheon by the members of the Epsilon chapter of Fresno. At a long table about thirty-five were seated. The table was very attractive in decorations of white carnations and maiden hair ferns, while the place cards were dainty conceits decorated in owers and bearing the "Lamb" emblem. It was a beautiful luncheon enjoyed exceedingly by the visitors and the members of the local chapter.

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Apropos of the "Lamb" conclave comes the announcement of the engagement of one of the prettiest and most charming of the Fresno members, Miss Marguerite Russell Robb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Robb, of No. 185 Yosemite avenue, and James Mitchell Chandler, formerly of Boston, but now making his home in California. This pretty romance has been watched with much interest by the intimate friends of the young people and had its beginning at Shaver this summer, when Miss Robb was there with her parents and Mr. Chandler, who was then in the forestry service, was a visitor in Shaver. She is one of the most attractive of the younger set of girls and during her two years residence in Fresno whither she came from Nova Scotia with her parents, has become most popular. Dainty and petite of figure she represents a picturesque type, and with her pretty brown eyes, soft brown hair and bright coloring she is exceedingly attractive with engaging and winsome manners. Her fiance is the son of a well known and prominent Boston family. He was a student at Harvard and later at Bowden college and a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. Since coming to Fresno he has made many friends who are anxiously waiting to offer their hearty congratulations as soon as the engagement is made known. The wedding date has not yet been set.

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An interesting wedding of the New Year will be that of Miss Beatrice Williams and Lee Boates, which will take place on Wednesday morning at St. James' church. It is to be a very quiet ceremony with only relatives and a few of the most intimate friends of the young pair to witness it. The interesting personality and sunny nature of the pretty bride-to-be has endeared her to all who have had the pleasure of knowing her since she came to Fresno a little more than a year ago; and her marriage to so popular a young bachelor as Mr. Coates, who belongs to one of the most prominent families of the city, is a matter of deep interest to society. Miss Williams is expecting a friend down from San Francisco to be her maid of honor and W. D. Coates, Jr., will be best man. Immediately after the ceremony the young people will leave for the north on a two weeks' honeymoon trip. After they return they will be with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Coates for a few months until their own home adjoining the Coates residence is completed.

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The theatricals and dance to be given at the Forsyth country home on Thursday night is one of the events of the coming week. The play "A Pontomime Rehearsal," is going splendidly, the cast have been rehearsing faithfully during the past few weeks and the guests have a splendid treat in store. The impromptu theater is being fitted up for the occasion and the production promises to be one of the cleverest amateur events in theatrical circles.

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At the recent State Teachers' association one of the interesting women was Miss Lucille Eaves of San Francisco. Before the earthquake in San Francisco she was engaged in settlement work, having been successor to Dr. Dorothea Moore when the latter went to live in Southern California. After the great disaster she was agent for the Red Cross society and has also practical charge of the relief work for the numerous refugees at the parks and other places where they are located. She talks most entertainingly of the condition she is working with in San Francisco. She declares that when San Francisco went down, it was not only a physical fall, but all the fabrics of society fell as well. That the necessary housing in close quarters of so many people was not an uplifting condition and the aim of the reconstruction workers is to establish private homes as fast as possible. Consequently one of her chief duties is a practical looking out for contractors and builders with an eye to economy and honesty. In Miss Eaves the committee has a fine and enthusiastic helper. She was in New York at the time of the earthquake studying at Columbia college, where, in a few months she expected to take a degree in sociology, but she concluded that a practical application of the science was calling her to San Francisco and she came west immediately. At the request of Mrs. W. N. Sherman, Miss Eaves gave a talk on settlement work at the Washington grammar school yesterday morning, a number interested in this work being present. She will likely make another trip to Fresno when the projected settlement work is started.

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Mrs. Wick Parsons will entertain on Thursday afternoon in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Montague Parsons, who is visiting relatives in Fresno during the holiday season.

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Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Cockrill are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a new baby son, Robert Cockrill, Jr., who made his appearance early in the week and is a fine young chap.

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Mrs. H. V. Rudy entertained last night at a pleasant dinner of a dozen covers in honor of her visitor, Mrs. Mary L. Gibbs of Santa Barbara, who was here attending the State Teachers' association. The table was extremely dainty in decorations of white carnations and maiden hair fern. At the close of the dinner with the coffee was served up some clever limericks suitable to the guest for whom it was written.

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On January 11th the Madison club will give a masquerade party at the home of Mrs. J. D. Morgan for the members and their escorts.

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On Thursday evening Mrs. Gibbs was the honored guest at a charming evening of cards at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Nicholson at Oleander. There were four tables and the prizes went to Mrs. H. V. Rudy and Mr. Blum. Attractive decorations graced the rooms and at the close of the evening refreshments were served.

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Tomorrow evening about a dozen of the members of the South Side "500" club will dine with Mr. and Mrs. Alva E. Snow and watch the old year out.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Snow gave the second of a series of informal afternoons for Mrs. Will Colson, who has much of interest to tell her friends of her travels abroad. Several dozen of her friends enjoyed a delightful visit with her yesterday.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Van Valkenburgh will spend New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Taylor at Hanford.

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The wedding of Miss Maud Townsend and Lawson Allen, which was to have taken place on January 21st, occurred on last Friday evening. The change of date was occasioned by circumstances which made a wedding trip impossible at the time set for the wedding, so the affair was hastened. The change of plans made of it a more simple and quiet affair than was at first intended. It took place at 8 o'clock in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, the Rev. Duncan Wallace officiating. Professor de Silvia presided at the organ, playing the wedding music. Both bride and groom were unattended. The bride looked very handsome in a close fitting tailor gown of cream broadcloth with a pale green hat trimmed with long white plumes. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Allen left for the north, where they will spend a brief honeymoon, returning tonight or tomorrow. A reception will be given in honor of the newly

Miss Marguérite Russell Robb and James Mitchell Chandler, whose engagement has been announced.

wedded pair some night this week at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. J. B. Allen, on Tulare street. The young people will make their home for the present with the bride's mother.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Short are en route home from their Eastern trip and are now with Mrs. Short's relatives in Los Angeles. They are expected home tomorrow.

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Mrs. Scott McKay will entertain the members of the Kaffee Klatsch on New Year's day at her home on Clark street.

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The Parlor Lecture club will hold its regular monthly business meeting next Thursday afternoon. Tea will be served after the meeting. Yesterday at the home of the president, Mrs. H. S. Jones, a session of the board of directors was held to further discuss the question of building the new club house. The specifications will probably be ready this week and will be submitted to the stockholders for their approval at their meeting on January 11th. The expenses of building are so great at present that the ladies are rather hesitating about going ahead but the matter will be fully settled at the stockholders' meeting. The interior plans drawn up by Mrs. G. L. Hoxie have been accepted as satisfactory and the exterior is being left to an architect.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White and child are visitors in Fresno and registered at the Hughes.

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Mrs. M. Eisle entertained on Wednesday at her home, 2715 Fresno street, at a very charming luncheon in honor of the twentieth birthday of her daughter, Miss Emma Eisle. The table was beautifully decorated with trailers of smilax, violets and red and white streamers. The following guests enjoyed a particularly tempting menu: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Taft, Kelsey Liggett, Mrs. Eisle, Misses Merle Shaw, Ruth Shaw, Elsie Roessler, Emma, Minnie and Freida Eisle, W. W. Taft. In the evening the Misses Minnie and Freida Eisle entertained in honor of their sister's birthday. Music and games were the diversions of the evening, after which a dainty little supper was served. The Misses Elsie Roessler, Merle Shaw, and Freida Eisle gave instrumental selections and a solo by Clinton Pickford was much enjoyed.

Those present were Misses Elsie Roessler, Mae Turner, Lulu Schutz, Merle Shaw, Nettie Clanton, Ruth Shaw, Addie Lonsdale, Mr. and Mrs. G. Taft, Mrs. Eisle, Mrs. Liggett, Mrs. J. King, Emma, Minnie and Freida Eisle; Messrs. George Pickford, August Kerner, Elmer Crane, Clinton Pickford, Joe Truxaw, Willie Turner, Harvey Herrold, Dan Schaffer, Harry Murly and W. W. Taft. The young lady received many beautiful gifts.

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On Christmas day a party of friends, formerly residents of Missouri but now living in California, met with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McMillen on North avenue to enjoy a sumptuous dinner. This custom has grown to be a regular one among this party of friends and each one looks forward with much pleasure to the annual Christmas gathering. The house was beautifully decorated in pepper boughs and red and white chrysanthemums and a delicious menu was enjoyed by the guests who were: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McMillen, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McMillen, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hudspeth, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carlile, Mr. and Mrs. George Purdy, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. William Hogland, Mrs. Zetta McCubbugh, Mrs. Alice Gilmore, of Oakland, Misses Myrtle and Stella McMillen, Mary and Lucy Cowan, of Orosi, Pearl Hogland, Bertha Scott, Pearl Purdy, Bernalene Gilmore, Messrs. Edward McMillen, Roy Hudspeth, Robert and John Lewis, Porter and Jewell Brown, Ray, Virgil and Jasper Purdy.

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At the First Presbyterian church the Ladies' Aid society will meet on Friday afternoon for its usual monthly gathering with Mrs. O. M. Thompson, the president as hostess of the afternoon.

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Mrs. A. J. Patterson has been entertaining the past week for her sister, Miss Edna Church, of San Francisco. On Friday afternoon, she asked a dozen ladies in to meet her sister and yesterday afternoon again she welcomed other guests. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed with an interesting poetical contest and refreshments. Miss Church concludes her Fresno visit next Tuesday.

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Miss Rose Lesler entertained a number of her girl friends very pleasantly Friday afternoon at her home in Enterprise Colony. The afternoon of games and music with refreshments at the close, was enjoyed by the following: Misses May Reyburn, Leona Mayo, Amy Wayant, Nelle Tyler, Helen Hughson, Elsie Beall, Bessie Hays, Marie McKelvy, Kathryn Shortridge, Florence Sharer, Anna McKelvy, Grace Keller and Mrs. Lester.

ONE CARDINAL DEAD AND ANOTHER ILL

ROME, Dec. 29.—Cardinal Cavagnis was found dead in his bed this morning, having succumbed to paralysis of the heart. Cardinal Tripepi also was reported to have died of paralysis during the night, but after remaining unconscious for a short time he revived. According to the latest reports from the cardinal's bedside, he was sinking fast.

Cardinal L. Tripepi is the prefect of the congregation of indulgences and sacred relics. He was born in Italy in 1836 and was created a cardinal in 1901. Cardinal Felice Cavagnis was born in Italy in 1841 and was created a cardinal in 1901.

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KINGS COUNTY NEWS BUDGET

Prof. Tournier Gives Pruning Demonstrations.

Flood Relief Committee Closes Its Accounts—New Business Block.

HANFORD, Dec. 29.—Professor Tournier, assistant to Prof. F. T. Hilgetti, head of the viticultural department of the state university and Frank Smith, a prominent vineyardist from the northern part of the state, delivered a lecture to the vineyardists of this county on the "Methods of Pruning." The lecture was given in Dewey hall, and the attendance was small. The gentlemen, who are both able and well informed on the subject, gave very good advice to the fruit growers of this county, and they spent some time in the country around this city giving practical demonstrations of the proper methods of pruning.

The relief committee that was appointed last winter to raise funds with which to fight the high waters that threatened this part of the country, on the south of Kings river, has settled up its affairs. The treasurer's report showed: Disbursements, $2,945.98; cash on hand, $148; outstanding indebtedness, $451.52; reclamation warrant, $1500. It was decided to use the balance of the reclamation warrant, after paying all outstanding indebtedness, to build a new levee, closing what is known as the "Hardwick break," which occurred last winter.

Architect S. T. French of this city is engaged in drawing plans for a new building to be built by C. C. Childress on his lots on West Seventh street, next to Barney & Kelly's store. The lower part will be arranged for a store room and the upper story will be built into flats. This is one of the best locations in this city and when finished, will be very desirable business property.

Miss Minna Berger entertained about forty of her friends and pupils at her home on West Ivy street. The little fellows rendered a Christmas cantata entitled, "The Arrival of Santa Claus," which was greatly appreciated. Selections were rendered during the evening by other guests, and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Miss Minnie Lovelace entertained quite a large number of her young friends at her home on Irwin street. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in games and music until about 4 o'clock, when the young people sat down to a lovely repast, which the young host had prepared for her guests and the dining room and tables had been prettily decorated for the occasion with flowers and greenery.

Frank McDonald was brought up here yesterday to serve six months in the county jail for disturbing the peace in Lemoore. He was sentenced by Justice Carrasco of that place to pay a fine of $6 or six days in jail, and not having the wherewith had to take the six days.

James Shay and Mrs. Narcena N. Allen were united in marriage at Grangeville Sunday evening by Rev. J. M. Taylor and the couple, who are aged 66 and 67, respectively, have the best wishes of the community. They are residents of Armona, where they are now at home to their friends.

C. Martinez, who was arrested the other day, on the charge of being implicated in robbing Pete Epperson, at a local lodging house, has been released by the officers, owing to the fact that they could not find sufficient evidence to hold him.

Manuel Rodgers, who was arrested some time ago in Fresno, on a warrant from this city, was discharged from custody today on motion of the district attorney. The prosecuting witness refused to appear against Rodgers, so the matter was dropped, the defendant having made good the bicycle which was stolen from S. C. Bettencourt of this city.

The case of S. Yoshida against T. O'Hara, which has been before the justice court for two days, has been submitted to Justice J. M. Camp, who has taken the case under advisement. The suit was brought to force the payment of $200 for picking grapes, which the defendant claims to have paid.

OKLAHOMA'S NEGRO DESPERADO ELUSIVE

Man Who Shot Chinaman Believed to Be Same Who Wounded Captain Macklin.

EL RENO, Dec. 29.—It is believed that the negro supposed to be a soldier from Fort Reno, who last night held up and shot a Chinese laundryman, was the same man who last week shot and seriously wounded Capt. Edgar A. Macklin.

Later yesterday a negro answering the description of the Macklin assailant attempted to hold up the railroad agent at Darlington, near here. The agent knocked the negro down, but he escaped and it is believed he came to El Reno. Several days ago bloodhounds traced Macklin's assailant to Darlington, where the scent was lost.

The Chinaman is not seriously wounded. After last night's shooting the negro is believed to have escaped on a stolen horse.

STEAMER LAUNCHED FOR PACIFIC COAST

Named "The President," She Will Ply Between Seattle and San Francisco.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 29.—The steamship President, built for the Pacific Coast company, was launched today from the yard of the New York Shipbuilding company in this city. The vessel was christened by Miss Anna Dickey, daughter of A. W. Dickey, resident inspector of the Pacific Coast company.

The President is designed as a first-class vessel for trading between San Francisco and Seattle. She is 416 feet long, 48 feet beam and 37 feet deep. The accommodations provide for 294 first-class passengers, 144 second-class and a crew of 107. The speed of the steamer will be fifteen knots an hour.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Dr. Murray Johnston, high chief ranger of the Foresters, died today at his home, 1016 West Pico street, after a week's illness. Death was caused by peritonitis. Dr. Johnston leaves a widow, a 9-year-old son and a grown daughter. His estate is valued at $60,000.

LOWER COURT DAILY GRIND

B. E. Miller Given Suspended Sentence.

As Long as He Refrains from Committing Suicide He May Stay Out of Jail.

B. E. Miller, fully recovered from the effects of the laudanum with which he attempted to end his life in a lodging house a few nights ago on account of domestic troubles, was in court yesterday morning on the charge of disturbance. Judge Briggs imposed a sentence of ninety days, but withheld execution upon Miller promising to go to work and behave himself. Miller stated that suicide had lost its charm for him and in the future he would not trouble his wife in any way.

Choy Shuck, a Chinaman, charged with a misdemeanor for persistently throwing paper on F street, was brought before Judge Briggs by officer Enos yesterday afternoon. Choy pleaded "not guilty" and his trial was set for Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The officers have experienced considerable trouble with the Japs and Chinamen along this line, frequently warning them against putting waste paper on the streets, but just as soon as the officers have their backs turned they deposit the refuse on the streets again.

Sarkis Tartorian, the fruit peddler, who was arrested Thursday on a warrant charging him with cruelty to animals, pleaded guilty before Judge Briggs yesterday morning. Sentence will be imposed tomorrow. Wm. Harvey exhibited the iron bar, which was covered with blood as a result of the beating the horse had received at the hands of Tartorian.

Ike Goldberg and Wm. Moore, typical "Weary Willies" from Salt Lake, who were picked up by Officers Bradley and Cronkhite early yesterday morning, were given twenty days for vagrancy. Henry White, Fred Ringstaff and J. J. Hogan, whose features clearly showed evidence of many a hard battle with the bottle, pleaded not guilty to vagrancy and were returned to jail. Ringstaff admitted to the court that he was drunk on Friday and was promptly given ten days for that offense.

Tom Murdock was fined $5 for creating a disturbance at the "Airship." He paid the fine and was released.

E. F. McClolshy, who was arrested on a warrant sworn out by George J. Freeze, for giving a check in the sum of $10, which was found to be void when presented at the bank, was released from jail by Judge Smith yesterday, pending a settlement between the two parties.

George Peterson, the Scandinavian colony rancher who was arrested a few weeks ago on the charge of cruelty to animals, will have his trial before Judge Briggs on January 9th. Mr. Peterson alleges that his arrest was actuated by spiteful neighbors, through the officers of the Humane society.

Robert Rhoades and Ed Wilson, bad looking colored men, were locked up by Officer Enos yesterday afternoon.

Y. M. C. A. CLASSES START SECOND TERM

Physical Director Fee's Records Show Remarkable Increase In Attendance.

The second term of Y. M. C. A. gymnasium class work will commence next Wednesday, which means four more months of profitable physical exercise for the members. Physical Director Fee's books reveal some very startling figures regarding the attendance on class work. The attendance during the past three months has almost equaled that of all the previous years combined.

Practice of gymnastic work by 150 will begin with the classes for the exhibition at the Barton in February. This year the business men's class will take a prominent part in gymnasium work.

The handball tournament will begin Wednesday and will be continued each Wednesday until the series is finished.

The basket ball championship games will start January 8th. There are four teams entered as have been in the past. The teams entered are the Stars, Hornets, High school and California Canning company.

The seniors will play a game of indoor baseball with a picked team from the business men's class on New Year's morning at 9:15 a. m. The teams are very evenly chosen and a good game will be the result. Members of both classes are requested to invite their friends.

The lineup is as follows:

Business Men.		Seniors.
Toomey	C.	Kinnee
Fechter	P.	Coybigh
A. O. Warner	1 B.	Jack
Conn	2 B.	Long
Lindsay	3 B.	Swartz
Anderson	L. S. S.	McWilliams
Wahlberg	R. S. S.	Grimes
Gaich	L. F.	Morris
F. Warner	R. F.	Moore

The Y. M. C. A. Mandolin club will practice Wednesday. All members of the club are requested to be present.

In the afternoon the High school basket ball team will play a game with the Hornets for practice.

BOY CONFESSED BRUTAL MURDER

Killed Woman Who Had Adopted Him Because She Scolded Him for Neglect.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—A special dispatch to the Evening Telegram from St. Helens, Ore., says that Bert Oleman, the 13-year-old adopted son of Mrs. Sarah Ayres, has confessed to the murder of Mrs. Ayres, which occurred last night on the Ayres ranch, near Warren, in Columbia county, Oregon. The boy stated that he killed his mother because she punished him for not faithfully performing some duties assigned to him. He blew off her head with a rifle while she sat sewing in the kitchen of the home.

James J. Hill Won't Resign.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 29.—J. J. Hill, in a statement for publication, today denied that he intended to retire July 1st as president of the Great Northern, saying that however much he would like to be relieved of the responsibilities of his position, he could not see his way clear to do so yet.

JAP CRANKS IN BERKELEY

Revolutionary Utterances in Their Newspaper.

Rabid Opponents of Capitalism, They Virtually Threaten the President.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Secret service agents in this city had their attention called today to a paper published in Berkeley entitled "Kakumei," or "The Revolution," issued by the Japanese-Socialist-Revolutionary party containing an article in which reference is made to the attitude of President Roosevelt on the Japanese school question, in which the following language is used:

"We believe that such a thing as the trifling legislation which the capitalist class may from time to time fling to the workers will prove of no avail; that it is about as effective as the tiny stream from a baby's water gun thrown into a raging fire.

"Our policy is toward the otherthrow of mikado, king and president, as representing the capitalist class, as soon as possible, and we do not hesitate as to the means."

Under the sub-head, "The President and Japanese Exclusion," it reads:

"President Roosevelt, in his message to congress, censured the exclusion of Japanese in California, and every nation applauded his action, particularly our nation. The members of the socialist-revolutionary party expected him to do as he did for the following reason:

"Being aware of the industrial development and economic determinism, and knowing well that his censures cannot affect the interests of the capitalist class which he represents, he had nothing to lose in appearing to do the right thing by the Japanese and thus satisfy his vanity by gaining the applause and approval of all, particularly our nation."

Marked copies of the paper were sent to members of the board of education in this city and by them turned over to the federal authorities.

The board of education, by Secretary Lelingwell, has issued a statement regarding the matter which says in part as follows:

"If any proof were needed that the Japanese are an undesirable people as residents of this country, that proof has been supplied by the editorial expression of this Japanese publication, the Revolution, which, by implication, advocates the annihilation of the first citizen of this land."

The Japanese consular officials denounced the publication in the strongest terms.

It was ascertained that "The Revolution" is published in this city, at 1676 Post street, by a Japanese socialist, named Shigeski Oku. The copy containing the anarchistic editorial bears the date of December 20th and is the first number of the publication that has been issued. Oku claims that he does not know who wrote the inflammatory article. He says the headquarters of the Japanese revolutionary party are located in Berkeley, and that the paper is published by him, under arrangement with the society.

The Rev. Herbert B. Johnson, superintendent of the Pacific Japanese missions on the coast, states that "The Revolution" is edited by a beardless youth, as he understood, and is being severely criticised by the merchants and the Japanese of San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley.

"I received a copy of this paper," said Dr. Johnson, "yesterday, through the mails and, noticing the violent writings, at once went and conferred with President H. Aitko and Secretary G. Ikeda, of the Japanese association of America, also with Rev. H. Hilota, pastor of the Japanese Methodist Episcopal church. All laughed at the paper, stating it is the work of a mere boy and not worthy of attention."

The Japanese are wrought up over the action of their countryman and decry his actions loudly.

The Japanese Socialistic club has headquarters in Berkeley, 2551 Parker street. The club members are six Japanese youths, who refused to give out the name of the editor.

WESTERN PACIFIC TRACKLAYING CLASH

Northern Electric at Marysville Alleges There Is Right of Way Stealing On.

MARYSVILLE, Dec. 29.—The Western Pacific Railroad company laid its first tracks yesterday afternoon, when a gang of men put down rails on the south bank of the Yuba river, where a crossing is to be made with the Northern Electric tracks, when built. Representatives of the latter company learned of the action of its rival this morning. The Western Pacific people claim that the tracks were laid to establish their priority of right of way, while the Northern Electric people claim that it means the Western Pacific is trying to hamper its operation. The Western Pacific already has obtained an injunction, preventing the electric road from crossing its tracks on the north side, opposite where yesterday's operation took place.

POINT LOMA BOULEVARD A SAN DIEGO DREAM

Chamber of Commerce As'ks Congressmen to Work for Government Aid for Grading.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 29.—The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce have asked Senator F. P. Flint and Congressman S. C. Smith to see that the necessary proceedings are taken by the United States government for the grading and completion of a boulevard across the military reservation on Point Loma.

The boulevard has been completed around the north shore of the bay from the business center of the city to the reservation line, about nine and one-half miles. If the government will continue it across the reservation to the end of the point, it will make one of the grandest drives in the world.

Sir Henry Durand Sailed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the retiring British ambassador to America, and family sailed for home today on the steamer Umbria. Among the other passengers on the Umbria was C. White Mortimer, British vice consul at Los Angeles.

LEE WILLARD IN SILVER KING

The theater-goers of this city are looking forward to the opening tonight at the Barton of Mr. Lee Willard and his company for the reason that this company's fame has gone before it, as in every instance wherever they have performed, nothing but praise has been bestowed upon the capabilities of the members. Mr. Willard's name has been associated with the leading actors of today and when such names as Frederick Ward, George Osbourn, Richard Mansfield, Henry Miller, Bertha Galland and Nance O'Neill are amongst those that he has been leading support for, we rest assured that his engagement will be the most pleasurable of the season.

The opening play tonight, "The Silver King," gives an actor of Willard's capabilities more than the ordinary chance to display ability. Tomorrow night will be presented "Monte Christo;" Tuesday (New Year's) matinee, "Kathleen Mavourneen;" New Year's night, "New England Folks;" Wednesday, "A Western Gentleman;" Thursday, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde;" Friday, Monte Christo;" Saturday matinee, "New England Folks," and Saturday night, for the farewell performance, "A Gay Deceiver." Seats are now selling for the entire engagement at popular prices—10, 20, 30 and 50 cents.

"The Convict's Daughter."

One of the best melodramatic productions on tour this season, "The Convict's Daughter," will form the attraction at the Barton next Sunday night, January 6th. It is not one of those wornout, weather-beaten plays, but entirely original and up-to-date in every detail, and its success is already established. A competent and expensive company is required to give an adequate interpretation of the various characters. The great sensational scene is a jail yard, where convicts are at work rebuilding a wall beside a railroad. In this scene a locomotive and twenty freight cars cross the stage. As the train passes the wall, one of the convicts standing on the top stones leaps for liberty to the roof of the car. A guard fires, but misses, and the prisoner is soon free. The convict is a "Weary Willie," who finally becomes wealthy and happy, his innocence being proven by the confession of the dying murderer, who leaves all his property to him. His daughter marries the man whom she has loved and waited for for many years, and all ends very happily. The sale of seats will open next Thursday.

BIDS RECEIVED FOR COAL FOR MANILA

Cheaper to Ship in Vessels of Foreign Register Than of American Register.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Bids recently opened at the navy department for 50,000 tons of semi-bituminous coal to be delivered at Manila disclosed the fact that it is much cheaper if transported in foreign bottoms than in American bottoms. The proposals called for separate bids on shipments in steamers of American register, sailing vessels of American register, steamers of foreign register and sailing vessels of foreign register. No bid was received to transport the coal in steamers of American register, experience having determined the futility of offering any.

The prices on shipments of steamers of foreign register, on which there were a number of bids, ranged from $5.00 a ton to $4.70 a ton, the prices for shipments in American ships being $7. One concern offered to ship 5000 tons in a sailing vessel of American register, but no bids for shipping in sailing vessels of foreign register were received.

Two firms offered to ship the coal regardless of whether it was in ships of American or foreign register, the prices ranging from $8.88 by one firm to $7.50 and $7.25 by the other.

Inasmuch as the award probably will be made on the basis of $4.50 a ton, the government will have to pay this year $35,000 more than last year for the same quantity.

BONAPARTE, DEVLIN AND ROOT CONFERRED

Japanese School Question Statement Was Discussed and Conference Was Not Completed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Conferences between Attorney General Bonaparte and District Attorney Devlin of San Francisco and later between these gentlemen and Secretary of State Root were held today with a view of agreeing on the government's statement of facts concerning the Japanese school question at San Francisco.

This statement is to be used in a test case, to determine whether it is lawful, under the treaty with Japan, to separate the races in the schools. By defining the issues, it is hoped to obviate the necessity of taking testimony. In this way, it is expected an early decision may be had.

At the conclusion of the conference, Attorney General Bonaparte said an agreement had not been finally reached and further conferences would be necessary. In the meantime, it was announced that nothing would be given out for publication. Devlin will remain several days.

YOUNG WIDOWER ATTEMPTED SUICIDE THROUGH LOVE AFFAIR

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 29.—Because his housekeeper, Mrs. E. K. Tillitson, with whom he was in love, was about to leave him, Charles Asselin, whose wife died last April, and who has four children, this morning attempted to kill himself with a shotgun at his residence, 81 Pleasant street. The flesh was torn from one side of his head, but he may recover. He has for years been a clerk in the linoleum house of Prussey & Co., on South Market street.

SELMA'S PROGRESS FOR THE PAST YEAR

Remarkable Showing Made By the Enterprising Town of the Southern Section.

SELMA, Dec. 29.—Selma has fared well during the past year and its progress may be noted briefly as follows:

Completition of two fine brick grammar school buildings at a cost of over $50,000.

Erection of a commodious opera house by C. F. Unger.

Installation of the largest independent seeding plant on the Pacific coast by the Selma Fruit company.

Selma packers secured over 10,000 tons for packing in this town. Double the tonnage of former years.

Erection of the Selma pavilion where roller skating has been the vogue this winter.

Money from crops of raisins, fruit and dairy products cause bank deposits to swell to the million dollar mark.

Banks report most satisfactory and largest business in the history of the town.

Invention of seeder process for pitting prunes by T. H. Elliott and successful installation of plant which is turning out carload lots of the latest prepared food product.

Besides the town has gained rapidly in population and many new residences and business improvements have been made.

Prof. S. S. Ray, principal of the Paso Robles High and Grammar schools, was a visitor in Selma this week. He has been attending the teachers' institute in Fresno this week.

The Misses Ina and Opal Freer are here from Lemoore on a visit with their grandma, Mrs. E. J. Rees. Their brother Gene will arrive in Selma tomorrow to remain for a brief visit.

Michael & Lemmon have purchased a 20-acre tract from E. H. Becker. The tract lies northwest of town.

M. Lang and family have been spending the holidays in Selma, visiting friends and relatives.

W. T. Lyon and wife, accompanied by their daughter, were guests at the home of T. B. Matthews one day this week. Mr. Lyon was formerly a Selma newspaper man but is now located at Richmond, where he publishes the Banner.

Hon. W. F. Chandler will go Sacramento next week to look after the people's interests as legislator from this assembly district.

Mrs. Howard of Los Angeles is here on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Lang.

Mrs. M. C. Shelton of San Jose is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Sawrie.

Notorious Forger Arrested.

SPOKANE, Dec. 29.—Isaac Raines, a forger of international reputation, who has operated as a representative of the Associated Press in France and throughout the United States, has been arrested here.

A Home Made Happy by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

About two months ago our baby girl had measles which settled on her lungs and at last resulted in a severe attack of bronchitis. We had two doctors, but no relief was obtained. Everybody thought she would die. I went to eight different stores to find a certain remedy which had been recommended to me and failed to get it, when one of the storekeepers insisted that I try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did so and our baby is alive and well today.—George W. Spence, Holly Springs, N. C. For sale by all druggists.

FERRY BOAT SUNK IN HUDSON RIVER

Cut in Two By Steam Lighter She Went Down—Crew and Passengers Saved.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The ferry boat Paterson, of the Erie railroad line, was sunk by collision with a freight liner in the Hudson river while on her way to the Twenty-third street New York slip from Hoboken early today. All the passengers and members of the crew were saved but eighteen horses drowned. They were owned by market men on their way to New York markets. There were only a few passengers on the ferry boat at the time of the accident.

The collision occurred while the two boats were in midstream. The freight lighter struck the Paterson amidships and the big ferry boat was almost cut in two and at once began to sink. The passengers and crew of the ferry boat were taken on board the lighter, but there was not sufficient time to remove the horses before the Paterson went down.

Cassatt's Funeral Monday.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—Arrangements were perfected today for the funeral of the late Alexander Johnston Cassatt, Monday afternoon.

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MRS. TINGLEY'S PRODIGY-FACTORY

(By Chester H. Rowell.)

Unquestionably the most interesting incident of the recent meeting of the California Promotion Committee at San Diego was the visit of the committee to Madame Tingley's manufactory of infant prodigies, more officially known as the Raja Yoga Academy, the most striking of the institutions of the theosophical colony at Point Loma. Imagine a climate, the gentlest in the world; an outlook, the fairest; a colony of cultured unselfish enthusiasts, secluded from the world and accepting willingly the government of an autocrat, and in these protected surroundings, imagine American Beauty and La France human children bred and cultivated, in the highest style of the gardener's skill. Picture the most amazing exhibition of education and personal development, before an audience of representative, hard-headed business men from every county in California, and find these business men unanimous that they would not for worlds subject their own children to that ideal life and marvelous education. There you have the picture and the problem.

Point Loma.

Point Loma is a high headland, jutting out into the ocean, between San Diego Bay and the Pacific. From its unwooded top, there is an uninterrupted view of bay and ocean and mountain, over the San Miguel and San Jacinto mountains clear to the snow-capped peaks of the San Bernardino range on the East, and South to the low table mountains of Mexico. The climate is bright, changeless and gentle, never hot, never cold, rarely overcast or rainy; a place where an invalid could live out of doors the year round, without discomfort. The soil is fertile, and an ample water supply has recently been developed. It is a terrestial Paradise, set at the very end of the world, and almost out of the world. No shriek of locomotive or rumble of tram-cars jars its solitudes. Except for a long and round-about country road, Point Loma is accessible only by small boat, across the bay. And even then, its fairest spot, the great estate dedicated to theosophy, is surrounded by a wall, the gates guarded by sentinels. Inside that wall, if anywhere in the world, is the place to try experiments in hot-house humanity. Whether the experiment is worth trying, you shall soon judge.

History of Theosophy.

This is the spot selected by Katherine Tingley, present Prophet and High Priestess of Theosophy, for the seat of her cult. Theosophy, you must know, is one of the most ancient and wide-spread forms of mystic philosophy. It has always been prevalent in India, it was the principal cult of the Neo-Alexandrian Greek mystics of Ptolemaic Egypt; it came into Christian philosophy with the Neo-Platonists under Plotinus, and it is more or less identical with the mystical element in all religions. The Methodist doctrine, for instance, of direct rapt communion with the Holy Ghost, is an offshoot of Theosophy. Whether there was any real Theosophy in Pharaonic Egypt is doubtful. The esoteric doctrine of the priests, at least until long after the time of Moses, seems to have gone no further than a monotheistic interpretation of the popular polytheism. Just what Theosophy is, it is not necessary to stop here to explain. You would not understand it. Indeed, in the ordinary sense, nobody understands it; its devotees would refuse to respect it if they could understand it. But it is a religion ancient, widespread and important, not to be scoffed at as a mere recent invention of Madame Tingley, devised for purposes of graft.

As an organized cult, in this country, theosophy began with the theosophical society founded in New York, in 1875, by Helena P. Blavatsky, Henry S. Olcott and William Q. Judge. The Olcott faction has since seceded, and its history is therefore obliterated and its existence ignored by the faction which obeys Mrs. Tingley as Pope, and reveres her as Prophet and Seer. The organization of the theosophists is a communistic autocracy. Its motto is not so much "each for all" as "all for One." All the property of the organization is held in the personal name of the "Official Head and Leader," and its only law is Her autocratic will. According to the Point Loma succession, H. P. Blavatsky was the first, W. Q. Judge the second, and Katherine Tingley the third Leader. Olcott is ignored.

Life in Loma.

Here on Point Loma, Mrs. Tingley has gathered her colony of "students" and built her estate. These "students" range in age from 1 year to 86 years. There are about 200 adults and 300 children. In social standing they range all the way from pauper foundlings to retired millionaires and famous statesmen. To serve all these people, there are just two Japanese servants, whose chief function is to carry meals from the refectory to Mrs. Tingley's and Mr. Spalding's homes. All the rest of the work, hard and easy, dirty and clean, is done by the "students" themselves. They work without pay, and contribute in proportion to their ability besides. There is no distinction of persons. A millionaire may be digging dirt or cleaning potatoes, while a pauper is administering a large department. All work for the love of it, and give Her the glory. Housekeeping is reduced to the lowest terms. The unmarried students live in dormitories or tents, the married ones in separate bungalows. All the cooking is done by volunteer labor in the big kitchen, and meals are served in the dining room, or sent ready cooked to the separate bungalows. With no cooking, no washing and no baby-tending, each woman easily does the remaining work of her own house, and has most of her time still left for community work. What the "students" shall eat, like everything else, She determines, and they submissively eat, relish and thrive on it. The men wear neat khaki uniforms, made on the place, and the children also wear each class its own uniform. Madame Tingley dresses elegantly; all the rest simply. Life is quiet, simple, protected and healthy, and the voluntary inmates seem contented. Among them are some extremely high-grade men and women, who talk to you, not as rapt seers, but as cultivated, energetic men and women of the world. The life is monastic in its seclusion, but the people are not of the monkish type. Lyman T. Gage, formerly secretary of the treasury, is there, but does not yet wear the uniform. Others, almost equally famous, are active members.

But it is the children that astound the visitor. There is no necessary connection between theosophy and primary education, except as Mrs. Tingley has made it, but it is her fad, and at Point Loma has become the center of the whole work. To return to our Promotion Committee and our narrative: We were ushered into the great sun-lit court of the principal building, frescoed in Egyptian designs but very un-Egyptian delicacy of tint and there the children repeated for us, with some change, an exhibition they had given a few days before to the state meeting of school superintendents. Some discounts must therefore be made for the fact that it was a drilled-up performance, which had already had one dress rehearsal. Making all allowances it was still a most astonishing human exhibit. This is the the program, in part:

What the Children Did.

After an overture by the principal orchestra, a hidden chime rang out the first seven notes of the diatonic scale, and the children rose, folded their hands theosophic-wise, and addressed a prayer nowhere in particular (there is no personal God at Point Loma) "that we may have Soul-wisdom, to brush away the dust of our illusions." Among these "illusions," be it said, are individual independence, family ties, the authority of reason, the evidence of our five senses, and most of the other fundamentals of common life and common sense. Then the children's orchestra played, on instruments made by themselves, good music, composed by the boy who wielded the baton. A young girl of fourteen read, with a self-possession and clearness of enunciation that would have done honor to a finished actress, an address of welcome. Then a little girl, barely able to climb on the piano stool, played very well Sinding's "Fruehlingsrauschen." Then the lowest class, children one year old (!) presented the guests with flowers. The next class, three-year-olds, spelled out "Attention. Good morning. Santa Claus is coming to make all the children happy." They picked out the flags of all the nations, and pointed out the respective countries on a map of the world. Then they named all the continents and oceans correctly. This at three years old! Still more remarkable, these tots sat motionless, with perfect self-possession, and apparently without effort, through the whole three-hour program.

The six and seven-year-olds came next. First they read at sight, in clear, full voices, with an enunciation such as not one trained actor in a hundred possesses. And this is what these babies read, at sight! It was written by a Point Loma boy, only a little older, and printed in the children's own paper:

"Scan your map and find for me the Island of Juan Fernandez. Remember well where it is now on the ocean's surface, for when new atlases are issued, like Atlantis, Juan Fernandez Island will show no more.

"During the month of August, when the Chilean earthquake shook the Pacific, Robinson Crusoe's Island melted away into the ocean and was no more to be seen.

"Did ever a boy read of Crusoe but who wanted to see his island and visit Crusoe's home? Grown men have persuaded ship captains to even stop a few hours at the island or sail up close by it, the strong desire to see that island yet remaining with them.

"Daniel Defoe wrote Robinson Crusoe, and in doing so immortalized his name with every boy who ever read the book.

"Defoe evidently heard the tale of Alexander Selkirk, who spent four years and four months upon this island. Selkirk, rather than continue his voyage on the ship he was aboard, preferred to be put ashore with supplies and provisions. When the row-boat, leaving him on the beach, pulled away, he regretted his decision, the loneliness appalling him, and asked to be taken to the ship again. But the men in the boat laughed at Selkirk as they rowed away."

As a spelling lesson, the babies spelled any words from this selection. They named all the parts of speech, and gave sentences illustrating them. In mental arithmetic, they did "sums" like this, said off as fast as a gifted teacher could say them, and four times as fast as any business man present could follow them: "Three; plus one; squared; minus one; third; plus four; square root; times four; plus two; seventh; square; times five; plus one; seventh; answer! All simple operations but done at a speed which requires a concentration of mind possessed by few adults. Then they quietly told the history of De Soto, named all the states in the union, and all the countries in the world, with their capitals. How would you like to have your six-year-old able to do all this?

This is the sort of stuff the twelve-year-olds read at sight:

"A very little reflection will show us that on the fields of thought and action there can be no ultimate originality for any individual. They are open to all men, either now, or potentially in the future. There can be no private property on these matrix grounds from which flow the issues of life. The pioneer of today in the progress of science or philosophy, is followed by a hundred eager seekers who catch his inspiration and following in his footsteps become the pioneers of tomorrow. The gold fields of knowledge are everywhere. They may lie hidden for ages, but they are always ready for the man who comes along with the first pick to discover the hidden treasure, and once laid bare they will reward all those who work with the necessary diligence."

And of the other marvels they did, there is here no room to tell.

Then came a philosophic symposium, on the problems of life and the need of soul-wisdom, by the four-year-olds! Two little children recited, one in very good French, and the other in the cleanest of Castilian Spanish, La Fontaine's fable, "Le Rat de Ville et le Rat des Champs," and an apostrophe, "Al Niagara," by Jose Maria Heredia. Two tiny tots played a piano duet, and did it musically, not mechanically or childishly. A young boy played a cello solo, composed by himself, on an instrument made by himself. And there were more like exhibits.

Most striking of all were the extempore speeches, on subjects suggested by the visitors. Two fourteen-year-old boys, and a fifteen-year-old Cuban girl, who four years ago could speak no English, made three easy, finished, effective and very thoughtful extempore speeches, on subjects suggested by the more or less distinguished visitors, not one of whom could have done half as well himself. And the speeches were sensible, effective public speaking, with no frills of artificial oratory.

How They Appear.

All the children pronounce the English language marvelously well, but exactly alike. The Tingley dialect is a variant of high-grade Bostonese with the purest Oxford English, pronounced so clearly that any pupil over six years old at Point Loma could stand on the stage of the Barton opera house, and, without stopping or straining, in a full but gentle conversational voice, make every word and every sound of every word distinctly audible in the back seat of the top gallery. This is true of boys as well as girls, though it must have taken ten times as much trouble to teach them. All the children carry themselves well; but exactly alike. All of them have an alert, interested, intelligent expression; all exactly alike. The children are neither forward nor shy, but calm and self-possessed, like experienced adults, sure of themselves. They are healthy and strong, and seem happy, in a mature and self-contained way. They are of every possible race and heredity—Cuban waifs, Swedish peasant children, Mexicans, quadroons, one swarthy representative of some black-skinned, straight-haired, sharp-nosed race. Americans and English of ancient lineage and distinguished ancestry, all treated exactly alike, and all made over into the same variety of infant-prodigies. Their features are of every degree of coarseness and fineness, but the expression is one of uniform refinement. They are strong, active-minded, and are said to be all good, which, considering their self-control and protection from temptation, is probably true. In other words, they are institutionalized children, cast in one mold, but that mold an exceptionally fine one.

The Other Side.

This is the one side—the side that appears on the surface. It is an exhibit of phenomenal accomplishment in the things by which school work is popularly judged—reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, history and deportment. Doubtless, teachers who could produce such results know enough to appreciate that these are not a fair test of education. They have chosen for exhibit, not what they consider important, but what they think will impress the audience. This, and the drilling in set questions for exhibition purposes, involve an element of insincerity and getting credit under false pretenses that can not be good moral training.

These children get their extraordinary education by being under instruction, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, from the time they are babies. This involves the breaking of home ties. In a statement of theosophy signed by Mrs. Tingley and presented to the visitors by her, the statement is made that "No member of this organization teaches or believes in the separation of children from their parents." This statement is not true. Mrs. Tingley and her disciples teach, believe, practice and enforce "the separation of children from their parents." The children at Point Loma are separated from their parents, even when those parents live in other houses on the grounds. They may visit their parents once a week, for a little while; otherwise they live separated lives. Mrs. Tingley teaches that no parent is fit to raise his own child, and that the best training can only be given to the children who are separated from their homes. In a story in The Raja Yoga Young Folk's Messenger, written and printed by the children, the same ideal is held forth. Two children who have been to the Raja Yoga day school, and have thereby reformed the disorder of their own home, are represented as begging their parents to become "real Raja Yoga children," by being sent away to Point Loma, and their great happiness on learning that they may leave home is portrayed.

In the advertisement of this school, published in Mrs. Tingley's own paper, the school is called "Raja Yoga Academy (unsectarian)." This statement also is not true. If theosophy be a sect, this school is of the most violently sectarian sort. No Roman Catholic school, for instance, would venture to do half the proselyting these "unsectarian" theosophists do. The children are taught not only trust in theosophy, but total distrust of everything else. They are taught to regard themselves as "children of light," and Raja Yoga as the culmination of civilization. The chief reason for respecting the Pilgrim fathers is that they founded a civilization out of which Raja Yoga could grow. Raja Yoga is not a school, to educate its pupils; it is a center of light, which shall illumine the whole world. It is an absurd perspective, but absurd perspectives are natural to cloistered persons. But if they should be disappointed, if these boys and girls must go out into this work-a-day world, to do their part in its work, they will be sadly handicapped by this very sense of superiority and belief in a mission.

Hot-house children, taken from their homes, educated apart from the world and its contacts; trained to an astonishing command of their own faculties, and to no skill whatever in dealing with the rudimentary faculties of others; grown in mutual uselessness but wholly untrained to find their way through a selfish world; taught to despise those of less advantage than themselves; infant prodigies, old before their time; delicate souls, "attuned" (in Mrs. Tingley's language) "to the overtones and undertones of the universe," these are astonishing human products—in Point Loma. But can they survive anywhere else? Will they have any better chance, turned out in the world, than a Nephetos rose in a briar-patch, or a high-bred canary in a pack of English sparrows? It is to be feared not.

Mrs. Tingley.

Of course they may stay in the cage forever. But then? The adults at Point Loma are of an extremely fine grade of humanity—all but one. Intelligence, idealism, enthusiastic unselfishness, absolute sincerity, mark the "students." The marvel is that these high-grade men could be so subservient to a woman so distingtly their own inferior as Madame Tingley. In all the ceremonies at Point Loma, hers was the one insincere note. Complacently accepting the adulation of her disciples and the perfunctory courtesy with which Andrea Sharboro delivered the compliments of the occasion, Mrs. Tingley delivered a speech egotistic, insincere, full of bluff at superficial mysticism. Whatever Theosophy may make of the human soul, in its earliest stages, surely if this is what it does in its later stages, the world wants none of it. And, as a matter of history, Theosophy finds its logical conclusion in even worse—in the asceticism and mental suicide of Hindu fakirism. Mrs. Tingley is the only person at Point Loma who looks over-fed, over-dressed, and under-worked; the only one whom you would not like as your friend. Yet in Her all things else live and move and have their being. She is owner and autocrat. Her nod or gesture are the only law; her glory the central purpose. Everybody else works for neither money nor glory. She gets all the money and all the glory. She reverses all the rules imposed on the others. And in her culminates the hollowness and impossibility of it all.

It is a unique colony of adults and a wonderful school of children. But it is not the place where your child or mine is going to grow up to honor father and mother, and to fill its place in the work of the world.

SCANDINAVIAN NOTES

The figures presented at the last meeting of the united co-operative companies, held in Copenhagen in December is still in the lead in co-operative undertakings. M. Blehm, member of the Danish parliament and president of the co-operative firms in Denmark, gave some very interesting figures regarding the growth of the union in the last three years.

Co-operative creameries and butter factories, of which there were 1946 in 1903, have now reached the large number of 2146. The increase of members of stockholders lins in the same period been from 158,000 to 188,069. The total amount of milk, delivered to the factories, showed an increase of over 20,000,000 pounds, while the weight of the butter exported to England increased 2,000,000 pounds in the last fiscal year. Her butter exports never before brought Denmark so much money as last year. England alone bought butter valued at 200,000,000 crowns, and a large amount went also to Germany or was sold in Copenhagen.

F. Boggild, the government inspector of butter factories, in his annual report on the butter industry in Denmark says "The report in some newspapers to the effect that Danish butter is in danger in the English market is without foundation. Our butter never before obtained so high a price on the British market as it did last year. The market price was always the average. I admit that competition is strong. Canadian butter is gaining a foot-hold among London grocers, but the danger of our being shut out of the British market is not great. If Denmark keeps up her standard in butter making, there is no danger that we will loose our English customers."

The co-operative pork factories have now thirty large modern slaughter-houses, again twenty-seven in 1904, and the number of the shareholders has in the same two years been raised from 59,000 to 63,000. The total export of pork now is worth 82,000,000 crowns, an increase of 20,000,000 crowns. England was also the largest buyer of pork. The prices run as high as 68 oores per pound for salt pork and never went below 50 oores. The extraordinary large sale of Danish cattle products to England last year is to be attributed to the agitation in England against American canned meats since the exposure of the scandals in the Chicago packing town.

The co-operative egg factories have not given out their report for last year, so reliable figures are not at hand at present. However, there has been an increase of over 10,000 new members, which shows that this brance of co-operation in Denmark has also met with success. The co-operative stores, based upon the English Rochdale plan, number 1200. The sales to the members of the stores totalled 44,000,000 crowns. The majority of the stores buy their goods through the so-called "Faellesforeninger." They own a large tobacco and cigar factory, a terra cotta plant and two cotton mills, and are planning to establish a cement factory near Aarhus.

The Jutland Co-operative Produce Company, which began its business about two years ago, has now an annual sale of 13,000,000 crowns.

Altogether, the various co-operative undertakings have a membership of 635,000 and their total exports exceed 500,000,000 crowns.

Blehm and Jorgensen, the principal leaders of the co-operative movement in Denmark, plan to establish a large co-operative bank in Copenhagen with brunches in all principal cities.

Waldemar Poulsen, the inventor of the "Telegraphone" and "The Poulsen Wireless Telegraph," lectured during December before a small circle of English scientists in London. The young Dane surprised the old gray-haired savants among whom was Professor William Thumsen of Cambridge University, by lighting a large arc light without wire connections. Mr. Poulsen passed the current through his own body in one of the experiments, and the result was the same. By producing a strong electric tension and by means of electric tuning forks and La Cour's phonetic wheel, Poulsen produced such rapid vibrations among the electric particles that wire connections become useless. He also claims to be able to solve the wireless telephone problem. He is at present working on a telephone in his laboratory in Copenhagen, and everything seems to indicate that the inventor will solve the problem satisfactorily. Recently the German government ordered 500 wireless Poulsen telegraphs to be used in the Kaiser's army.

While the Danish inventors win fame in the electrical field and the electrical department of the Royal Polytecnic institution in Copenhagen ranks among the best in the world, second only to Columbia in New York and the great Mittweida in Germany, the Swedes, guided by Svante Arrhenius, work in the large field of chemistry. Recently a young Swedish chemical engineer invented a method to purify common tar so it can be used as lighting material. By filtration and by a chemical process which is the secret of the inventor, a clear fluid, called "Petrolia," is produced. The fluid when burning gives off a clear and bright light and is cheaper than common coal oil. "Dagens Nyheter" reports that John D. Rockefeller has offered the holders of the patent an immense sum for the invention. John D. evidently fears the new rival to his Standard Oil Company.

Danish Christmas letters, wearing the "Julemarket," begin to arrive in the United States. The stamps that bear the late King Christian's picture were sold from all postoffices in the kingdom from December 1st. Not less than 5,000,000 stamps were printed this year and the government expects them all to be sold. All the money realized from the sale of these "Julemarket" is given to the sanitarium for tuberculous children. It is a kind of voluntary tax which has become very popular among the Danish people. Christmas stamps are not found on letters alone. The bakeries paste them on every loaf of bread they sell during the holidays and even on beer bottles the "Julemarket" may be found.

Greenland, that cold Arctic country, seems to be another Alaska. It has long been known that valuable minerals existed among the ley fields of the country. The cryolith mines have long been worked by a Danish-French syndicate. The coal mines on Disco Isle yield excellent coal but have never been worked. Recently, a Copenhagen capitalist, Bertzhols, has sent an expedition to examine the copper mines on the west coast of Greenland. The expedition, which was under the leadership of a Norwegian mining engineer who had received his training in the Columbia mining school and the Colorado School of Mines in Colorado, now reports that the copper mines are among the richest in the world. The copper ore in many places is mixed with gold and silver, and close to Godthaab the expedition discovered a valuable iron mine. It is expected that a syndicate of Scandinavian capitalists will begin to work the mines as soon as they get the concession from the Danish government. Temporarily a gang of Norwegian-American miners are further examining the mineral fields along the western coast.

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COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

CENTERVILLE

The Christmas tree and entertainment given by the Odd Fellows at their hall on Monday evening was a great success in every particular. "The men did it," and they certainly deserve much credit for the handsome tree which they prepared and for the careful arrangement of each detail of the evening. L. Powers, F. E. Leffler and J. Mathesia were the committee on arrangements. They were assisted by O. Oliver, Harry Gardner and others.

The hall was filled to its fullest capacity with many expectant children, their parents, with the lodge members, their wives and friends.

L. Powers, who was master of ceremonies, "wished them all a merry Christmas and happy New Year in behalf of the lodge," and announced the program, which had been prepared by Mrs. E. Montfort, and was rendered as follows: Recitation, "Why Do Bells for Christmas Ring," Frederick Burt; recitation, "Bessie's Christmas Dream," Margarite Macy; recitation, "Once Upon a Time," Inez Mathieson; recitation, "The Quarrel," Patti Hare; a Louisa Alcott play for Christmas, "Jack and Jill," by local talent, composed of fifteen children as follows—Misses Alice Hanan, Margarite Macy, Ruth Hanan, Inez Mathieson, Bessie Hayward, Ruth Montfort, Masters Dell and Harvey Oliver, Carl James, Carl Rock, Dick Hanan and Lewis Mathieson.

In one corner of the room stood the beautifully decorated tree, on which were presents and candy for all. At the close of the play the clatter of the reindeers' feet and jingle of bells were heard and Santa Claus (Harry Gardner) appeared on the scene in his wittiest and happiest mood and caused much merriment as he distributed the presents, assister by L. Powers, O. O. Oliver, F. H. Rock, F. E. Leffler, Mr. Hayward and C. Macy.

This was the first Christmas festival given by the I. O. O. F. lodge of Centerville and it certainly has cause to be proud of the achievement.

Christmas day was fittingly celebrated at the T. C. Douglass home with a Christmas tree and dinner. About twenty relatives were present. Both table and tree were laden with the good things that come with the Christmas tide.

Charlie Douglis, who has just spent six weeks at Goldfield, Nev., is at home spending the holidays with his parents.

Asa Hanan made a business trip to Fowler yesterday accompanied by his sister, Ruth. Miss Mabel Pollard returned home with them and will remain this week visiting old friends.

Dell W. Oliver celebrated his fifteenth birthday last Sunday evening by inviting in a number of his school mates and friends. Refreshments were served and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. O. H. Hanan and daughters, Constance and Alice, were in Fresno last Saturday.

Miss Ruth Hitchcock of Oakland, who is teaching school at Gold, Madera county, spent Christmas here with her sister, Mrs. Emma Montfort. She is now attending the teachers' institute in Fresno.

Will Douglass was out riding last Sunday afternoon accompanied by Miss Ruth Hitchcock, for the purpose of trying the driving qualities of a new horse he had just purchased. As they were passing J. Thompson's ranch the horses took a notion to run. Mr. Douglass managed to keep them in the road; but they dashed over the ground at a furious rate for three miles before he was able to check their speed. No great damage was done.

Centerville, December 28, 1906.

FOWLER

Preparations are going on for a large new brick store. A company has been formed, a lot selected and the enterprise put well under way so far as preliminary arrangements are concerned. Actual building operations will begin immediately after the first of the year. The location will be on Merced street near the postoffice.

Vernon Palmer returned yesterday from a duck hunt in the sloughs near Stockton. He states that ducks and geese are very numerous there.

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church held a meeting in the church parlors this afternoon at 2.30. Miss Bertha Phister is chairman of the committee and an interesting program was given. The social half was observed and the attendance was good.

J. K. Hickman has rented the forty-acre vineyard which he recently purchased from I. V. Chapman, to Chas. Scott and he and family have moved from Parlier.

Mrs. Frank Freeman, who for weeks was so seriously ill that all the doctors gave her up, is so greatly improved that she could return home for Christmas. Her recovery is occasion for great rejoicing in the Fowler and Freeman families.

George Barnett has secured a position in the Wells-Fargo National Bank of San Francisco, and writes a friend here that he handles half a million dollars daily and now and then runs across a check drawn upon the First National Bank of Fowler.

Frank Adams has gone into business in Fresno, but will not move his family to Fresno or sell his property here for the present at least. He has found by careful figuring that he can live in Fowler enough cheaper than in Fresno to justify him in paying railroad fare in and out daily.

W. A. Scarbrough, who came here from Alabama a little less than two years ago and purchased a forty-acre place on the McCall road upon which he has since made his home, has sold out to Alexander Covey, late of Kansas.

NATIONAL COLONY.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Paddock and children of Empire colony passed Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shroyer at the Shroyer vineyard.

Allen Dewhirst of Canada has been visiting over the holidays with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Elliott on Central avenue.

H. B. Moon has recovered from his recent severe illness and is able to be out again.

E. A. Elliott has completed the erection of a very commodious barn on the Elliott vineyard.

The former residence of E. Copsy, on Central avenue, has been removed from the colony.

J. B. Wiley, who has been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism, is much improved.

Elmer and Guilford Maxwell returned the early part of the week from a trip to the mountains.

D. W. Showers has completed the building of his new residence and will move from Fresno here this month.

Henry Landfried has recently added a large barn to the improvements on his vineyard on East avenue.

The National Colony Union Sunday school observed Christmas eve with an excellent program of music, singing and recitations, followed by the distribution of Christmas presents from a large tree. F. M. Phillips played the role of Santa Claus quite realistically. Mrs. A. P. Taylor and Mrs. J. B. Wiley furnished the instrumental music for the evening's entertainment. About 140 people enjoyed the following program, which was very creditably rendered: Song, school; song, Steven Wiley; recitation, Eva Phillips; dialogue, Misses Alma Salmon, Clara Bettencourt, Okie Shroyer, Lizzie and Grace Rivenburg; song, Mrs. Wiley and Mrs. Carr; recitation, Leslie Shroyer; song, Misses May Hill, Blanche Bates and Alma Salmon; recitation, Harry Lassere; dialogue, Misses Bertha Shoyer and May Hill Albert E. Taylor; song, school; recitation, Okie Shroyer; whistling solo, Evt Phillips; recitation, Mrs. Charles Shroyer; recitation, Lizzie Rivenburg; dialogue, Mrs. S. P. Stevens, Mrs. C. S. Shroyer, Misses May Hill and Hertha Shroyer; closing song, 'Good Night," school.

National colony, December 28, 1906.

KINGSBURG

Walfred Erling has returned from a two weeks' visit in Oakland.

Axel Johnson and wife are here from Fresno to spend the holidays.

Henry Johnson and wife of Fresno are here spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Erick Peterson.

The I. O. F. band has received its new suits. They are quite nobby and are made up with the colors of the order. The band leaves Saturday night for Long Beach.

Mrs. L. Frizzell is building an addition to her building and will fit it up as a lodging house.

Mrs. Leonard Davidson is here from Berkeley spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. A. Wistrand.

J. F. Forney, visited the poultry show in Hanfor last week.

J. E. Baker was here this week from Berkeley. He came down to attend the funeral of his mother.

Several local Masons are billed to visit the Traver lodge Saturday night.

E. M. Kimberlin is spending the holidays in San Jose. J. W. White of Selma has charge of his business during his absence.

E. S. Herman, U. S. gauger at the winery, is spending the holidays in San Francisco with friends and relatives.

Mrs. S. A. Roberson and daughter are here from Lancaster visiting Mrs. Roberson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Ellison.

William Alvein is building a nice residence on his property east of town, which he recently purchased.

E. D. Dayton returned Wednesday from Kennett, where he has been for the past six months.

Kingsburg, December 27, 1906.

ROLINDA

J. P. Gregory and family are expected home from Long Beach the first of the year. Mrs. Gregory's health is very much improved.

Misses Ida and Amanda Jacobsen are home from Coalinga spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jacobsen.

Gordon Brothers have lost several head of cattle. They died from what is thought to be blacking. The owners have vaccinated hoping to prevent further loss from the disease.

George Meadows returned Thursday from near Malaga, where he had been to visit his friend, Eugene Washer. Mr. Washer has sold his vineyard and contemplates removing with his family to his native state, Kentucky.

Mrs. Marian Gordon is enjoying a visit from her brother, Arthur Lyle, of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner, who live at present with their daughter, Mrs. George Ingles, have gone to Valejo for a short visit.

Property sold well at J. W. Arnold's sale last Thursday. Mr. Arnold was his own auctioneer and proved to be a good one. A very large crowd attended, considering the weather.

The California Traction company is having some trouble in securing rights of way. Their agreements call for a railroad from Fresno to Kermah. J. E. Epperson refused to sign a right of way because of this, but is willing to sign if a change is made to electric line.

Rolinda, December 29, 1906.

Oil for Atlantic Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The steamer Argyll sailed today for Panama with 30,000 barrels of California petroleum consigned to points on the Atlantic coast. It will be piped across the isthmus through the recently completed pipe line of the Union Oil company, and is the first shipment of California oil to the East over this route.

Charlemagne Laurier Dead.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—Charlemagne Laurier, M. P., half-brother of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, died last night.

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20 acres heavy land—10 in Muscats 6 and 8 years old, 3 in peaches 3 and 4 years old, 4 in alfalfa; good 4-room house, large barn, good well; about 2500 trays, sweat boxes, tools; $3500, cash $1700; bal. at 6 per cent on or before 5 years. No alkali.
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32-acre vineyard near Clovis—Muscat vines. $10,000; $3000, bal. to suit.

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40-acre vineyard in full bearing near Barton's for $12,000. Buildings, trays, boxes. This is a fine property, well kept up and a money-maker.

160 acres in Bank tract, near Barstow's. Improved to vines, trees and alfalfa. Splendid buildings, water right, windmill, tank, scales, derrick, etc. This is an A1 dairy or fruit ranch, and is in splendid shape. Price, $21,000; at least 1-3 cash. Will sell 80 acres if desired.

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FOR SALE $7500—40 acres; over 30 acres in peaches and grapes; house and barn, good red soil; only 4½ miles from Fresno. A bargain. Haber Bros. & Co., 1140 J St.

FOR SALE—Real Estate (Con.)

10 ACRES in Muscat vines adjoining city limits at a great reduction. This property is now ready for subdivision into lots. A good 6-room house on the place. Will accept small cash payment.

ACRE LOTS—We have some fine lots near Ventura Ave. car line; fine location; reasonable prices.

UNIMPROVED LAND—50 acres fine tree and vine land, almost all level, at $30 per acre; ¼ cash, bal. 1-2-3 years.

30 ACRES near Clovis—$5000; $1500 cash, balance 1-2-3-4 years at 8 per cent. 8 acres Muscats, 4 acres peaches, 9 acres alfalfa; balance leveled, with Malaga rooted vines for planting. Good buildings.

80 ACRES—23 acres peaches, 2 acres apricots, 15 acres Malagas, 40 acres alfalfa; 70 head dairy cattle.

40 ACRES—30 acres Muscat vines, 10 acres alfalfa. Only 4 miles from Fresno. Water right; splendid location. $12,500.

G. J. NEES, or
KNIGHT & EWING CO., 1118 J St.

LOANS—Let us figure with you if you want a loan on your city property. We make installment loans which are paid monthly. No maturity of stock. No premiums. Just a flat rate.

We also make a specialty of procuring private loans

NEAR KROEGER schoolhouse we are offering some fine building lots from $80 to $100 each; terms ⅓ cash, balance easy terms. Only 2 blocks to street car line; city water with best lots.

SPECIAL TERMS—We are offering lots in Hartley's addition for a limited time at $10 per lot cash, balance $5 per lot per month. These lots are on McKenzie Ave., near Fresno Ave. car line. Sewer now in.

BUSINESS PROPERTY—A splendid two-story business property on Blackstone Ave. Will sell at a bargain. It is a good investment.

LEASE FOR SALE—On one of the best 640-acre dairy ranches; 300 acres in alfalfa, balance grain land. Complete in every way; splendid buildings.

KNIGHT & EWING CO., 1118 J St.

BARGAINS.

$3800—20 acres good land 3 miles from Fresno; 2 acres Muscat vines, 12 acres alfalfa, 6 acres grain; 5-room house, large barn, well and pump, 5 chicken houses, 2 horses, 5 milk cows; 1 calf, 500 chickens, 2 sets harness, buggy, 2 wagons, mower, rake, etc. (No. 598)

$35,000—240 acres fine land near Parlier: 120 acres Muscats, 7 acres orchard, 10 acres alfalfa; bal. unimproved; 20,000 trays, 600 sweat boxes, 140 picking boxes, 35 tons barley hay; good buildings and improvements. (No. 608)

Catalogue on application.

Lands, Loans and Insurance.
SUNSET REALTY COMPANY.
W. L. Chappell P. Rice H. Jacobsen
Managing Directors.
1928 Mariposa St. Phone Main 531.

SNAP.

60 Acres
Solid Muscats
8 Miles East
Fancher Creek Bottoms.
Price $10,500.
Cash, $4000.
SUNSET REALTY COMPANY,
Fresno, Cal.

FOR SALE—Modern six-room house, barn and two lots. Must sell; going away. 530 Forthcamp Ave.

WHEAT FARMERS—Land to lease on shares. Irrigating water furnished. Chamberlain Carr Co., Hanford, Cal.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

$12,500—One of the most highly improved fruit ranches in Fresno county. Will accept part cash, balance in Fresno or Los Angeles city improved.

$50,000—Large stock ranch at Modesto containing 437 acres; 200 acres alfalfa, balance in grain. Good water right; buildings.

$2000—30 acres choice fruit land with good water right; $1200 cash, remainder in six years. I pay taxes.

$650 Each—2 10-acre tracts with water right; $350 cash each; balance in six years. Will give good man chance to work out balance. This is a genuine snap.

I am leaving Fresno county indefinitely and must sell. Will pay full commission to anyone sending me a purchaser.

J. GRANT KLINE, Sanger, Cal.

FOR SALE—40 acres: 32 in Muscats, 8 acres in vast variety of peach trees 3 years old; number one land; 4 miles from Fresno. Price $7500.

160 acres unimproved land 7 miles from town at $40 per acre.

40 acres 3 miles from Fresno in vineyard, trees and alfalfa; good buildings, implements, trays and boxes, horse, wagon and two cows, 5 dozen chickens. Price $5000.

A number of good bargains in city property.

CHAS. ERICKSON, 1140 J St., Fresno.

ORANGE LAND, about 2000 acres, an exceptional opportunity offers for a man of means to buy a fine body of orange land in the foot hills of Porterville and sub-divide. Address George Roth, Porterville, Cal.

LOOK AT THIS BUY—A Bargain—80 acres, 40 in alfalfa, 25 acres leveled and ready to plant; 20 acres raw land, church water right, terms to suit. See us at once. A bargain. WOY & MADSEN, 1138 J St.

$25 REWARD—The Fresno Real Estate Board offers a standing reward of $25 for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons selling real estate in Fresno City and accepting a commission on sale or sales without having a license to sell real estate issued by the City of Fresno License Collector.

LAND LAND LAND
Vineyards, Orchards, Grain and Alfalfa Land

FOR RENT AND FOR SALE—**Make yourself independent. You can get better support from the soil than from any other source. Land is cheaper and crops a certainty on our alluvial irrigated soil. Terms to suit all.**

SHEPHERD-TEAGUE CO., 1011 J St.

ROEDING SUBURBAN TRACT
Villa Colony
and
Calimyrna Colony
For sale in 5, 10 and 20-acre tracts, with first-class water rights on very easy terms.
CARVER & HEILBRON,
1217 J St. Phone M. 177

REAL ESTATE (Continued.)

DeWITT H. GRAY & CO.

Fine Country Home and Vineyard—2 miles out on Tulare Ave. New, hard-finished house; 15 acres vines full-bearing, 42 orange trees, 4 acres peaches, 92 fig trees full bearing. Tools, wagons, implements; ½ mile from Sunnyside car line. A sacrifice at $6300; $3500 cash, balance in five years.

30 Acres Improved—To vines and peaches near Sanger in heavy red loam soil. Plenty of water; $3500. $2500 cash.

80 Acres—16 acres in peaches and Muscats. House and barn. 80 acres fenced; $5600; $3500 cash, balance in 4 years.

160 acres near Clovis—Finest soil, full water rights; 2 miles from town. All that remains of sale of 320 acres. Will close out this week.

DeWITT H. GRAY & CO.
Forsyth Bldg.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Eighty acres in Nevada county, healthy climate; good for turkeys or chickens; Fresno or country property. Address Mrs. J. A. Peck, Colfax, Placer county, Cal.

THE BEST TO BUY—
EPPINGER TRACT
EPPINGER TRACT
Selling now in sub-divisions, $25 to $70 per acre; one-fourth cash, balance from the crops. Soil especially adapted for grapes, oranges and peaches; plenty of cheap water. Get maps and full particulars at our office. W. N. Rohrer & Co., selling agents, 211 Forsyth Building.

FOR SALE OR TRADE for city property—10 acres nicely improved good land, 3 1-2 miles out; also a good improved 20 acres for $3500. If you want a small place cheap, this is your chance. Enquire of W. A. White, Park Meat Market, 1153 K St.

RANCH FOR SALE.

520 acres fenced, 400 acres pasture with large open range adjoining, remainder grain, fruit, vineyard; free water from springs, river frontage, mining ground, timber furnished, 6-room house, 2 barns with hay, 25 head cattle, farming implements, wagons, etc., winery, distillery, cellars, cooperage, etc., good school, 2 churches; mail delivered twice daily. For particulars L. Endries, Pilot Hill, Eldorado Co., Calif.

IT doesn't pay to buy poor land; see these before you buy:

40 acres, 2½ miles north of Fresno; 14 acres Muscats, 11 acres Thompson Seedless, 13 acres Smyrna Figs, all 4 years old; no alkali, no hardpan. Price $7000.

20 acres, 2½ miles south of Fresno, 16 acres full bearing Muscats, 4 acres 2-year-old Muscats, trays and boxes, good income property. Price $5750.

A. G. Seklemian, room 14, 1033 J St., Phone Main 873.

FOR SALE—20 acres all in 5-year-old vines; good soil, house, barn and implements. Price $5500.

20 acres all in Muscats 5 years old. A fine income property. Price $5000.

40 acres near Clovis; 18 acres Muscats, 1 acre family orchard, balance in grain. Good house and barn and windmill. Price $5500.

40 acres close in. All in Muscats. Fine house, barn, windmill and tank. Trays, boxes, implements. Price $13,000.

5-acre lots on terms to suit.

1-acre lots adjoining the city. Will sell on good terms. Price $375 each. CRUTCHER & HANSEN, 1005 J St.

10 acres on Ventura avenue; 5 a. Muir peaches, 5 a. figs, 2½ h. p. pumping plant. Small house. Inquire for price.

80 acres 2 miles s. w. Fowler; 60 a. in Muscat vines, 4 a. wine grapes, 7 a. peaches, 4 a. alfalfa; good house and barn. First-class water right; 16,000 trays, 300 sweat boxes, 40 picking boxes, 4 mules and harness, 2 wagons, 3 plows, 2 cultivators. Price $22,000; half cash.

100 acres 7 miles west of city; 80 acres in alfalfa, 20 acres grain land. Church water right, good 5-room house, large barn, 2 good horses, 1 wagon, 1 hay derrick, and all farming tools go with place. Price $11,000; $5000 cash, balance good terms.

40 acres 3 miles east of Lone Star; 8 a. Muir peaches 4 years old, [illegible] a. Muscat vines, 6 a. Sultanas, 2 a. alfalfa, 10 a. grain land, Church water right, 4-roomed house, good barn, 25 tons of grain hay, 100 picking boxes, 25 sweat boxes. Price $7500; $5000 cash, balance good terms.

HAMBLETON & HAMBLETON,
1139 I St., Chance Block.

FOR SALE CHEAP—On easy terms, lots 85 and 86, Fresno Colony, 2½ miles from city; on canal. All fenced and summer fallowed. L. S. Weymouth. Phone State 2354.

FOR SALE—All our Fresno city homes will be sold at a great sacrifice in order to close them out.

This is a genuine bargain, sacrifice sale. List of houses and locations will be furnished upon application at GILL REAL ESTATE AGENCY, 1943 Fresno street.

FOR SALE—120 acres all improved, R. R. and Washington Ave. A 2-story house, 2 barns, 2 tray sheds, 2 wagons, 1 spring wagon, 1 cart, 3 horses, harness and tools; 29,000 2x3 trays, 900 3x8 trays, 400 sweat boxes, 400 picking boxes, cutting shed, 10 sulphur houses, iron tank in drying yard. Call at the place. B. Y. Colson.

DRESSMAKING.

DRESSMAKING AND LADIES' tailoring—Will remodel and make over your out-of-date dresses like new. Children's sewing. 727 L. Main 2781.

ARTISTIC DRESSMAKING also maker of portiers and overdrapes. 235 Theata.

DRESSMAKING—Mrs. Kate Skinner, Rooms 12, 13 and 14, Garibaldi Bldg.

MISSES EDISON—Modiste and Ladies' tailoring. 1439 O. Main 2059.

WANTED—SITUATIONS.

EDUCATED YOUNG MAN desires position of any kind. Five years' business experience. Best of references as to character and ability. P. C. Davis, city.

MAN AND WIFE on ranch; capable of managing small place. Have good team and wagon. Will contract yearly. "H." box 11, Republican.

PASTURAGE.

A NO. 1 ALFALFA PASTURE FOR horses 1 mile north city limits. Tel. State 785. Address Box 731.

GOOD ALFALFA Pasture for horses and cattle. Apply Peter Avakian, one mile west of Kearney on Monroe between California and Kearney avenues.

MONEY TO LOAN.

WANTED—To lend $5,000 on real estate security. Call on or address Miles Wallace, Fiske Building, Fresno, Cal.

MONEY to loan on real estate. G. W. Dowds, 1465 I street.

STRIKES IN CALIFORNIA

Labor Commissioner Stafford's Report, 1901-1906.

Los Angeles Labor Men Were Less Successful Than Others in State.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—According to the biennial report of State Labor Commissioner W. V. Stafford, which he has made to Governor Pardee, there were 298 strikes and 19 lockouts in California during the five years from Jan. 1, 1901, to Jan. 1, 1906, covered by the report.

Forty-four of the strikes took place in 1901, involving 21,119 persons. In the last year covered by the report, 1905, there were only 29 strikes, in which 2,287 men and women were involved.

San Francisco ranks first in the number of strikes, having 111 of the total for the state, or 37.2 per cent. Of these 111 strikes, 85 were ordered by labor organizations and 26 were not. The percentage of successful strikes in San Francisco was 45, or 15 per cent higher than the percentage for the entire state.

Los Angeles is second in the number of labor strikes, having had 57. The percentage of the successful strikes in Los Angeles is less than 8 per cent and is under the average for the state by more than 24 per cent. In other words, while for the state as a whole one strike in three has been successful, in the southern city less than one strike in twelve has resulted favorably to the strikers.

The causes leading to the strikes in California have been varied. In 97 instances the desire for an increased wage was the cause. An effort to compel employers to maintain a union shop was the cause in 46 cases. Twenty-eight of the strikes were brought about primarily by a desire for shorter hours. Twenty-three were for increased wages and shorter hours together, 12 were disputes over apprentices, 9 were sympathetic strikes and 6 were against a reduction in pay or increase in hours.

BUSINESS CARDS.

EMPIRE STABLES—Livery and transients, cor. J and Inyo. Phone Main 67.

HENRY VIEZ, fine tailoring for ladies and gents. Formerly with Redfern Paris. Ladies can order goods from samples at tailor's prices. Over Dorsey Robinson.

MRS. ROBB, Fresno's famous medium, has returned. Will continue readings at 1913 Tulare.

CARPETS—Fresno Steam Carpet Cleaning and Renovating Works take up, clean and relay carpets. Phone Main 355. Wm. M. Story.

T. E. HUFF Feed and Livery Stables, cor. Fresno and H. Main 639.

FRESNO MILLINERY, Opposite Hughes Hotel. Christmas presents for sweetheart, mother or wife. What more appreciable than a charming new hat?

NEW YORK SHOEING SHOP. All work guaranteed. Cobb-Welborn, 1138 H St.

FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRY WORK—China 631. K. Yuiwoki Japanese Laundry, 1408 Kern.

HI LOY LAUNDRY—First class washing. 1248 Tulare St., phone China 151.

WALTER S. JOHNSON, public stenographer, Room 210, Land Co. Bldg. Phone Main 929.

DOW and MARTIN, real estate, 1139 I St., Fresno. Pone Main 591.

CHRISTMAS PHOTO SPECIALTY—Enlarged free. Fuji Photo Studio, 935 F. China 635.

MISS SEIBERT—Flowers and Art Goods, 1150 I St. Phone Main 2975.

BON BONNIERE Candy Factory, hot drinks and tamales; wholesale and retail. 1022 I St. Phone Main 1132.

MONO FEED AND LIVERY STABLES—First-class livery rigs at reasonable rates. Main 975. C. E. White.

SAMPLE BROS.—Feed and livery stable, 1820 Merced St., between H and I. Phone Main 484.

MRS. L. B. GALLOWAY, shampooing, hairdressing, manicuring, facial massage, scalp treatment and chiropody. Phone Main 1198. Commercial Hotel. Work done at your home.

HELLO, Main 471. Is this French Dye Works? Like you to clean our clothes.

FRESNO TENT, AWNING and Carpet Cleaning Co., 1824 Fresno. Phone Main 003.

ROYAL CAFE—1836 Mariposa street. Excellent 20c meals. Phone Main 540.

WANTED— *Miscellaneous.*

WANTED—To rent room with board suitable for 1 or 2 gentlemen. 1828 Tuolumne.

WANTED—Eight good renters for sweet potato land; 25-acre tracts. Those who are able to furnish themselves. F. Slem & Son, Turlock, Cal.

WANTED—One or two young mares of 1300 pounds. Telephone State 2061.

WANTED—Furnished rooms and board in private family for couple and son by January 1st. Address Roomer, Box 16, Republican.

WANTED—To buy 8 to 12 head of good work stock. Apply to C. E. White, Mono Stables, phone Main 975.

WANTED—Twenty-five acres land finished leveling, for use of it this season. Apply O. O. Card, corner O and Merced.

WANTED—A good home for a boy 4 years old. Address Boy, Box 24, Republican.

WANTED—To let contract to plant and take care for one or three years, 150 acres vines and trees. Answer giving experience and price. Apply Ben Epstein, Fresno Cal.

EXPERIENCED MAN desires to rent or lease dairy. Address C. M., Box 11, Republican office.

WANTED—Second hand roll top desk. Address W. W. Box 4, Republican.

HIGHEST PRICE PAID for second-hand furniture. Call up Main 1172.

WANTED—Second-hand barley sacks. Apply Guggenhime & Co., corner Santa Clara and Santa Fe Aves.

WANTED—To take contract to make cuttings of any kind vines; we furnish vines. S. N., P. O. Box 601, Fresno.

HIGHEST cash price paid for hogs. W. C. Penn. 1317 J St.

WANTED—Single and family washing and ironing. Work guaranteed. Phone Main 1386.

WANTED—Second hand furniture and stoves at City Furniture Co, 1143 K St. Phone Main 1877.

WANTED—Bids for the construction of ditches near Reedley, Cal. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of L. L. Cory, Fresno, and at the office of Lyon Land Co., Reedley. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. S. F. Earl, 810 Eddy St., San Francisco.

MUSICAL INSTRUCTORS.

EXPERT PIANO TUNER—F. H. Chamberlain, with Sherman-Clay & Co. Main 617.

MISS KNOWLES—Piano, organ and voice instruction. Studio, room 3, over P. O. Main 720, Residence 472.

MISS GRACE CRAWFORD—teacher of piano; lessons 50c. 709 N St.

BELL T. RITCHIE—Instruction in vocal culture, 1527 M St. Phone State 2270.

MRS. L. MANSFIELD JENKINS, instructor mandolin, guitar and banjo. 430 J street. Main 1962.

PRICES CURRENT

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—In addition to liquidation of long wheat, there was free selling by Northwestern interests for the short account. These sales were inspired to a large extent by the accumulation of stocks at Minneapolis and Duluth. Although the news was not particularly bearish, the feeling in favor of lower prices seemed to be more pronounced than at any time for several days. The market became weaker as trading progressed and final quotations were lowest of the day. May opened a shade to 1/8@1/4c lower at 77 1/2@77 5/8c and sold off to 77@77 1/8c, where it closed weak, down 5/8c.

The corn market was remarkably steady, considering the weakness of wheat. There was very little selling pressure, due to the fact that offerings from the country are very light. The market closed steady. May opened unchanged to a shade higher at 43 3/8@43 1/2c to 43 1/2c, sold off to 43 1/4@43 3/8c and closed at 43 3/8@43 1/2c, off 1/8@1/4c.

Trading in the oats pit was very light and the market was easier. May opened unchanged at 36 1/4@36 1/2c, sold off to 36c and closed at the lowest point.

LIVERPOOL—Close: Wheat, March, 6s 5d; Mar. 6s 4 3/4d.

SAN FRANCISCO—Wheat quiet: May, $1.29 1/2; cash, $1.30.

Barley quiet: May, $1.19; cash, $1.12 1/2.

Corn quiet: large yellow, $1.30@1.35.

NEW YORK—Evaporated apples unchanged; fancy, 9@9 1/4c; choice, 8 1/4@8 1/2c; prime, 7 7/8@8c.

Prunes quiet, but firm on spot, 3@9c for California fruit, with Oregons, 60s to 40s, quoted at 7@8c.

Apricots nominally unchanged, with no business of importance; choice, 16c; extra choice, 17@18c; fancy, 18@20c.

Peaches are cleaning up well on spot and holders appear confident in spite of a light trade. Choice, 12c; extra choice, 12 1/2c; fancy, 13c.

Raisins unchanged; loose muscatels, 7 1/2@8 1/2c; seeded raisins, 7@10c; London layers, $1.45@1.55.

Porto Rican Wants More.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 28.—R. Matienzo Cintrone, speaker of the house of delegates and leader of the unionist party, has published an article in which he criticizes the message of President Roosevelt regarding Porto Rico. Cintrone says citizenship without self government has no value, and is even debasing.

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 28.—Samuel Weill, brother of Alphone Weill, one of the largest merchants of Kern county, died at Woody this afternoon. He was a business man and a member of several fraternities. The funeral will be held in San Francisco Sunday.

Summons.

No. 11,778.

In the Superior Court of the County of Fresno, State of California.

Julia Freitas, plaintiff, vs. Joseph Freitas, defendant. Department No. 2. M. V. Ashbrook, attorney for plaintiff.

The people of the State of California send greeting to Joseph Freitas, defendant.

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the said County of Fresno, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this County; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or she will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the said County of Fresno, State of California, this 28th day of December, A. D. 1906.

Seal. W. O. MILES, Clerk.

By D. M. Barnwell, Deputy Clerk.

M. V. Ashbrook, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that an annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fresno Republican Publishing Co. will be held at the office of the company, Republican Building, corner K and Tulare Sts., Fresno, Cal., on Tuesday, January 8, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

WILLIAM GLASS, Secretary.

Fresno, Cal., December 26, 1906.

ESTRAYED.

STRAYED—Bay mare with white spot on neck. Finder phone State 2028 or write Jas. Y. Beveridge, Ventura Ave., Fresno.

ESTRAYED—1 sorrel and one dark bay mare from Kuzanian's place at Lone Star. Both had short tails. P. O. Box 310, Fresno, or at the place.

ESTRAYED—1 iron gray mule; left shoulder out of shape; branded M on left hip; 5 years old, weight about 600 pounds. Notify St. George Vyd. Tel. Main 1369.

THAT'S IT!

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for Coughs, Influenza, Bronchitis and all Pulmonary diseases. One bottle will convince you—at your druggist, 25c, 50c and $1.00. Geo. H. Monroe.

NOTICE OF STREET WORK.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1906, the Board of Trustees of the City of Fresno, State of California, did at its meeting on said day adopt a resolution of intention, No. 521, to order the following street work to be done in said city, to-wit:

That Angus Street in said City from the South line of Tulare street to the South curb-line of Belmont Avenue (excepting such portion thereof as is required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon) be graded, curbed and culverted, and sidewalk approaches built in accordance with the plans and profile on file in the office of the City Engineer, and specifications on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city.

Six (6) brick culverts to be constructed; one across Angus Street on the south lines of each of Nevada, McKenzie, Washington and Grant Avenues; one across Grant avenue on the east line of Angus Street; and one across Tulare avenue on the west line of Angus street.

Curb plank to be set on the official grade, with gutters one foot deep on each side of the street, except at crossings; the center of the street to be three inches higher than curb grade and the street bed to have a uniform curve from gutter to gutter. The sidewalks of said street, between the same limits, also to be graded to the official grade thereof, except where already paved or planked. Vertical curbs to be put in at the outer edge of said walks except where already paved or planked, consisting of 2x12 inch redwood plank 16 feet long, firmly spiked to 4x6 inch redwood posts 3 1-2 feet long, set in the ground flush with the curbing, 3 1-3 feet center to center, with at least four 40d. nails in each plank at each post. The curbs at the corners of the blocks to be bevelled with a plank 4 feet x 3x14 inches, firmly spiked as above at each end.

For further particulars of said work, reference is hereby made to said resolution on file in the office of the City Clerk.

W. H. SPENCER.

Superintendent of Streets of the City of Fresno.

NOTICE OF STREET WORK.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1906, the Board of Trustees of the City of Fresno, State of California, did at its meeting on said day adopt a resolution of intention, No. 523, to order the following street work to be done in said city, to-wit:

That the alley in Block 59 from the North line of Inyo street to the south line of Kern street (except such portion of said alley as is required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon and also excepting such portions as already done) be paved with asphalt pavement and curbed with redwood curbing in accordance with the following specifications:

CURBS. A curb shall be constructed along the property line of the alley where there is no brick wall of buildings to form the line, and shall consist of a redwood plank 2x8 inches, spiked to a 3x4 redwood post set three (3) feet into the ground, three and one-third (3 1-3) feet from center to center.

SUB-GRADE. The sub-grade shall be excavated so that the finished surface of pavement have a slope of two (2) inches from the sides of the alley to the center, to the official grade, the lines of which shall be given by the City Engineer.

CONCRETE FOUNDATION. Upon the sub-grade shall be laid an asphalt concrete foundation five (5) inches thick, of the same quality and consistency and in the same manner as specified in the specifications for asphalt concrete foundations for the streets of the City of Fresno.

ASPHALTIC WEARING SURFACE. Upon the asphalt concrete foundation shall be spread an asphalt wearing surface consisting of an asphalt pavement two (2) inches thick, in the same manner and of the same quality as specified in the specifications for asphalt pavements on the streets of the City of Fresno.

For further particulars of said work, reference is hereby made to said resolution on file in the office of the City Clerk.

W. H. SPENCER.

Superintendent of Streets of the City of Fresno.

Notice of Assessment.

The Reed Ditch Company, a corporation; principal place of business, Elkhorn, Fresno County, California. Location of property, Fresno County, California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of said company held on the 10th day of December, 1906, an assessment, No. 6, of three and one half dollars ($3.50) per share was levied upon the capital stock of the said corporation, payable immediately to the treasurer, the Fresno National Bank, at Fresno, Fresno County, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on Saturday, January 26th, 1907, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before will be sold on Saturday, March 9th, 1907, at 9 o'clock a. m., to pay the delinquent assessments, together with cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

V. J. BURREL,

Secretary of said Corporation.

Dated Fresno, Cal., December 10, 1906.

Assessment Notice.

The Butler Hydraulic Mining Company,—Location of Principal Place of Business, Fresno, California. Location of Works, Trinity County, California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors, held on the 15th day of December, 1906, an assessment (No. 3) of five cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable at the office of the company, Room 8, First National Bank Building, Fresno, California, immediately to E. M. Harris, secretary.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 2nd day of February, 1907, shall be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 11th day of March, 1907, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

E. M. HARRIS.

Secretary, The Butler Hydraulic Mining Company, Room 8, First National Bank Building, Fresno, California.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Oil City Petroleum Company will be held at the office of the company, No. 2032 Mariposa street, Fresno, California, on Monday, January 14, 1907, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

JACOB CLARK, Secretary.

Dated December 26, 1906.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Scandinavian Mutual Protective Fire Insurance Association of Fresno County, California will be held in Fraternal Hall, Kingsburg, Cal., on Monday, the 14th day of January, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

NICHOLAS G. NELSON, Secretary.

Kingsburg, Calif., Dec. 26, 1906.

Notice of Sale.

Whereas, Annie Paulick and Charles Paulick, her husband, as parties of the first part, did execute a certain Deed of Trust dated the 9th day of March, 1904, to George M. Perine and Grant Cordrey, as Trustees, for the benefit and security of the Renters' Loan and Trust Company, a corporation, which Deed of Trust was recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Fresno, State of California, in liber 265 of Deeds, at page 379 et seq.

Now, therefore, in accordance with the terms, and under the authority of said Deed of Trust, and in pursuance of a resolution passed and adopted on the 20th day of November, 1906, by the Board of Directors of said Renters' Loan and Trust Company, the holder of a certain promissory note made by said Annie Paulick and Charles Paulick to Renters' Loan and Trust Company, to secure the payment of which said promissory note said Deed of Trust was executed, declaring that default in the payment of the monthly installments of principal and interest had been made and that the whole of said note had thereby become due and has not been paid, and requesting and directing the said George M. Perine and Grant Cordrey, as trustees, under the power and authority conferred upon them by said Deed of Trust, and in pursuance of said resolution, to sell said real estate described in said Deed of Trust, and hereinafter described, to satisfy said indebtedness, the said George M. Perine and Grant Cordrey do hereby give notice that on Tuesday, the 15th day of January, 1907, at 12 o'clock, noon, of said day, at the auction rooms of Davidson & Leigh, No. 1465 Market street, in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, they will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in gold coin of the United States of America, all that certain real property, with the improvements thereon situated in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 3, 4 and 5 in Block 242, as shown by the Map of "Daniel W. Parkhurst's Supplemental Map of the Town of Fresno" filed in the office of the County Recorder of Fresno County, California, on November 28, 1887, and recorded in Volume 1 of Maps at page 45, Records of said County.

Terms of Sale: Cash in gold coin of the United States of America; ten per cent payable to the undersigned at the fall of the hammer; balance upon the delivery of Deed, and if not so paid, unless for want of title, (ten days being allowed for search), then said ten per cent to be forfeited and sale to be void.

GEORGE M. PERINE, Trustee.

GRANT CORDREY, Trustee.

Assessment Notice No. 39.

Crescent Canal Company, a corporation. Location and principal place of business, Wheatville, Fresno County, California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the board of directors held on the 11th day of December, 1906, an assessment of ($35.00) thirty-five dollars per share was levied upon the subscribed capital stock of the corporation payable on or before the 11th day of January, 1907, to the secretary at his office at Wheatville, Fresno County, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 11th day of January, 1907, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before will be sold on the 11th day of February, 1907, at 1 o'clock p. m. to pay the delinquent assessment together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

C. C. GOODELL, Secretary.

NOTICE OF STREET WORK.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1906, the Board of Trustees of the City of Fresno, State of California, did at its meeting on said day adopt a resolution of intention, No. 522, to order the following street work to be done in said city, to-wit:

"That an Artificial Stone Sidewalk eleven (11) feet in width be constructed on the south side of Merced street from the east line of "I" Street to the alley between "I" Street and "J" Street; also from the west line of "K" Street to the alley between "J" Street and "K" Street (excepting such portions of said street between said points along which an artificial stone sidewalk has been constructed), said sidewalk to be constructed in accordance with the specifications for said work on file in the office of the City Clerk and in accordance with the official grade of said city.

For further particulars of said work, reference is hereby made to said resolution on file in the office of the City Clerk.

W. H. SPENCER.

Superintendent of Streets of the City of Fresno.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate.

In the Superior Court of the County of Fresno, State of California.

Probate—No. 2019.

In the matter of the estate of Mason Hirsh, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of the Superior Court of the County of Fresno, State of California, made on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1906, in the matter of the estate of Mason Hirsh, deceased, the undersigned, the administrator with the will annexed of said estate, will sell at private sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, and subject to confirmation by said Superior Court, on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of January, 1907, at ten o'clock a. m. all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Mason Hirsh at the time of his death, and all the right, title and interest that the said estate has, by operation of law or otherwise, acquired since his death, in and to all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate and being in the County of Fresno, State of California, bounded and described as follows:

The east one-half (1/2) of the northwest one-quarter (1/4) of section twenty-one (21), township fourteen (14) south, range twenty-two (22) east, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Bids must be in writing and may be sent to Henry A. Jacobs, the undersigned administrator, or to Henry G. W. Dinkelspiel, attorney for said administrator, 1265 Ellis street, San Francisco, California.

Terms and conditions of sale: Cash, lawful money of the United States; ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid to the undersigned on day of sale, balance on confirmation of sale by said Court.

Deed at the expense of the purchaser.

HENRY A. JACOBS.

Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Mason Hirsh, deceased. 1265 Ellis street, San Francisco, California.

Dated, December 10th, 1906.

HENRY G. W. DINKELSPIEL,

Attorney for said administrator, 1265 Ellis street, San Francisco, California.

Trustees' Sale.

In accordance with the terms and under the authority of a certain deed of trust, duly executed by J. B. Alexander, party of the first part to the Mercantile Trust Company of San Francisco, trustee, party of the second part, and the San Francisco Savings Union, party of the third part, dated March 25th, 1904, and recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Kings, State of California, in liber 2 of Trust Deeds, at pages 269 and following, and also recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Fresno, State of California, in liber 266 of Deeds, at pages 250 and following; and in pursuance of a resolution passed on the thirteenth (13th) day of December, A. D. 1906, by the Board of Directors of said San Francisco Savings Union, a corporation, and the holder of the note (No. 17,440), to secure payment of which the aforesaid deed of trust was executed, declaring that default had been made in the payment of the principal sum, interest and other sums due under said note and deed of trust, and requesting and directing said Mercantile Trust Company of San Francisco, trustee, to sell the real estate described therein to satisfy said indebtedness.

Now, the said Mercantile Trust Company of San Francisco, trustee, hereby gives notice, that on Tuesday, the fifteenth (15th) day of January, at 12 o'clock m. of that day, and at the auction salesroom of Messrs. G. H. Umbsen & Co., 20 Montgomery street, in the City of San Francisco, State of California, it will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in gold coin of the United States, the piece or parcel of land, situate partly in the County of Kings and partly in the County of Fresno, State of California, described as follows, to-wit:

According to the official plats and system of surveys of the government of the United States.

In township eighteen (18) south, range twenty-one (21) east, Mount Diablo base and Meridian:

Of section three (3); the fractional west half of the northwest quarter (Fr. W1/2 of NW1/4); containing eighty five and twenty one-hundredths (85.20) acres of land, more or less.

Excepting, however, a strip of land forty (40) feet wide off the south side thereof; together with the appurtenances.

Terms of sale—Cash in gold coin of the United States; ten per cent payable to the undersigned on the fall of the hammer; balance on delivery of deed; and if not so paid, unless for want of title (ten days being allowed for search), then said ten per cent to be forfeited, and the sale to be void. Acts of sale at purchaser's expense.

MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO, Trustee.

By A. H. WINN, Trust Officer.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the estate of Hinckley Benjamin Choice, Deceased.

Leopold Gundelfinger and W. T. Mattingly, executors of the last will and testament of Hinckley Benjamin Choice, deceased, having filed their petition herein praying for an order of this court for the sale of all of the real estate of said deceased, remaining in their hands and all of the personal property of said estate remaining in their hands, for the purposes therein set forth, it is further ordered by this court that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased appear before the said Superior court on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1906, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the court room of said Superior Court at the Courthouse in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California in Department No. 2 of said court, then and there to show cause if any they have why an order should not be granted to said executors to sell all of said real property in said petition to be sold and all of the personal property in said petition to be sold at public auction and that a copy of this order be published at least four successive weeks in the "Fresno Morning Republican," a newspaper printed and published in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California.

Dated this 26th day of November, 1906.

GEO. E. CHURCH,

Judge of the Superior Court.

Sealed Proposals Wanted.

Supplies for County Hospital, Alms House, Jail and Outside Indigents.

In accordance with an order of the Board of Supervisors of Fresno County, duly made and entered, notice is hereby given that said Board will receive up to two o'clock p. m. of Wednesday, January 9, 1907, sealed proposals for furnishing said County with all groceries and dry goods needed for the County Hospital, Alms House, Jail and all outside Indigents for the ensuing year, beginning from the date of letting the contracts.

A schedule of the supplies to be furnished may be had from the Clerk of the Board at his office in the Court House.

Each proposal must state separately the price of each article to be furnished and must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of $50, made payable to the Chairman of the Board, as a guaranty that the successful bidder will within five days after the acceptance of his bid enter into a contract with said County and furnish a bond in the sum of $1000 on the grocery contract and $500 on the dry goods contract, conditioned upon the faithful performance of said contracts.

Each proposal must be sealed and addressed to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and marked "Proposal for furnishing the County with supplies."

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

W. O. MILES, Clerk of the Board,

By A. D. EWING, Deputy.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1906.

Assessment Notice.

Stinson Canal and Irrigation Co. Principal place of business Wheatville, Fresno Co., Calif.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the board of directors held Dec. 8, 06, an assessment of fifteen dollars ($15.00) per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation payable on or before the 8th day of January, 1907, to the First National Bank of Fresno, treasurer of the company, at its office in Fresno, Fresno County, Cal.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 8th day of January, 1907, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before will be sold on February 9th, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the company's office, to pay the delinquent assessment together with cost of advertising and cost of sale.

CHRIS SMELLEY, Sec.

Wheatville, Fresno Co., Cal., December 8, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to his excellency, Governor Pardee, for commutation of sentence from life imprisonment to twenty years from the state prison at Folsom.

CHRIS EVANS.

Summons.

In the Superior Court of the County of Fresno, State of California.

No. 11874, Department No. 2.

J. D. Jacobie, plaintiff, vs. J. G. Wainwright, et al, defendants.

The people of the State of California send greeting to J. G. Wainwright, John Doe and Richard Roe, defendants. You are hereby directed to appear, and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above brought against you in the Superior Court of the said County of Fresno, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this summons—if served within this county, or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required the said plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the complaint, as arising upon contract, or he will apply to the court for any other relief demanded in the complaint.

Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the said County of Fresno, State of California, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1906.

(Seal) W. O. MILES, Clerk.

By D. M. Barnwell, Deputy Clerk.

E. D. Edwards, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Trustees' Sale.

Whereas, Calvin C. Duncan and Tennessee Duncan, his wife, as parties of the first part, did execute a certain deed of trust, dated the 16th day of June, 1905, to George M. Perine and Grant Cordrey, as trustees, for the benefit and security of the Renters' Loan and Trust Company, a corporation, which deed of trust was recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Fresno, State of California, on the 22nd day of June, 1905, in liber 333 of Deeds, at page 324 et seq.

Now, therefore, in accordance with the terms, and under the authority of said deed of trust, and in pursuance of a resolution passed and adopted on the 20th day of November, 1906, by the Board of Directors of said Renters' Loan and Trust Company, the holder of a certain promissory note made by said Calvin C. Duncan and Tennessee Duncan to Renters' Loan and Trust Company, to secure the payment of which said promissory note said deed of trust was executed, declaring that default in the payment of the monthly installments of principal and interest had been made and that the whole of said note had thereby became due and has not been paid, and requesting and directing the said George M. Perine and Grant Cordrey, as trustees, under the power and authority conferred upon them by said deed of trust, and in pursuance of said resolution, to sell said real estate described in said deed of trust, and hereinafter described, to satisfy said indebtedness, the said George M. Perine and Grant Cordrey do hereby give notice that on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon of said day at the auction rooms of Davidson & Leigh, No. 1465 Market street, in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, they will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in gold coin of the United States of America, all that certain real property, with the improvements thereon, situated in City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, described as follows, to-wit:

Lots numbered twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23), in block two (2) of Fanning's addition to the City of Fresno, according to the map of said addition filed in the office of the County Recorder of Fresno County, California, April 22, 1901, and recorded in Volume 2 of Miscellaneous Maps, at page 9.

Terms of Sale: Cash in gold coin of the United States of America; 10 per cent payable to the undersigned at the fall of the hammer; balance upon delivery of deed, and if not so paid, unless for want of title, (ten days being allowed for search), then said 10 per cent to be forfeited and sale to be void.

GEORGE M. PERINE, Trustee.

GRANT CORDREY, Trustee.

Notice of Assessment.

The Commercial Petroleum Company, office and principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Fresno county, California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of said company, held on the 30th day of November, 1906, an assessment, No. 51, of One Dollar per share was levied upon the capital stock of said corporation, payable immediately to the secretary, Harry B. Gregg, at the office of the company, No. 142 Steuart St., San Francisco.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the third day of January, 1907, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and, unless payment is made before, will be sold on Wednesday, January 23, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

HARRY B. GREGG,

Secretary Commercial Petroleum Company.

Dated November 30, 1906.

This Paper For Sale At The Following Places:

San Francisco
Ferry Building.

In Pasadena Cal.
A. F. Hornung.

In Oakland, Cal.
Noah Wheatley News Wagon.

In Bakersfield, Cal.
Bakersfield News Co.

In Tulare, Cal.
Rosenthal News Agency.

In Visalia, Cal.
W. J. Bell, Stationer.

In Porterville, Cal.
J. H. James News Ag't.

Lindsay, Tulare Co., Cal.
M. W. Grace.

In Exeter, Tulare Co., Cal.
F. W. Mixter.

In Lemoore, Kings Co.
Frank Bullard.

In Hanford, Cal.
N. Weisbaum.

In Coalinga, Cal.
G. M. Hughes.

In Laton, Cal.
T. G. Spike.

In Kingsburg, Cal.
E. M. Kimberlin.

In Los Banos
J. E. Place

In Madera, Cal.
C. F. Preciado & Co.

In Merced
Ordway & Son.

In Modesto
Carpenter & De LaMater.

In Selma
C. F. Unger

Notice of Time Appointed for Proving Will, Etc.

In the Superior Court of the County of Fresno, State of California.

In the matter of the estate of V. I. Willis, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 7th day of January, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, at the court room of said court, department No. 2, at the court house, in the City of Fresno, in said county of Fresno, has been appointed by the clerk of said court, as the time and place for proving the will of said V. I. Willis, deceased, and for hearing the application of Mrs. I. M. Willis for the issuance to her of letters testamentary, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated December 27, 1906.

W. O. MILES, Clerk.

By C. W. BEALL, Deputy Clerk.

E. D. Edwards, Attorney for petitioner.

Notice to Contractors and Builders.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals or bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Fresno County, California, at the office of said Board, in the Court House in the City of Fresno, up to 2 o'clock p. m. of Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1907, for the erection, construction and completion of a building for an Alms House on the County Hospital grounds of said County, pursuant to and in accordance with the Plans and Specification heretofore adopted therefor and now on file in the office of said Board.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of $1000, drawn upon some reliable bank, in favor of Thomas Martin, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, as liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and file bonds as required by the said Board, within fifteen days after the award of the contract.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

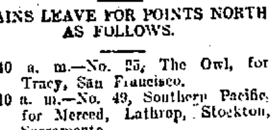
All bids must be addressed to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fresno County and endorsed "Bids for Alms House."

W. O. MILES,

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

By A. D. EWING, Deputy.

Dated Dec. 6, 1906.



ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

TRAINS LEAVE FOR POINTS NORTH AS FOLLOWS.

2:40 a. m.—No. 25, The Owl, for Tracy, San Francisco.
5:10 a. m.—No. 49, Southern Pacific, for Merced, Lathrop, Stockton, Sacramento.
8:40 a. m.—No. 245, Southern Pacific, for Mendota, San Francisco and way points; connects for San Jose and coast points.
9:55 a. m.—No. 31, Southern Pacific, (mixed) via Merced and Lathrop, for San Francisco and way points.
10:35 a. m.—No. 83, Southern Pacific, for Stockton, San Francisco and way points; connects for San Jose and coast points.
11:50 a. m.—Santa Fe for Merced, Stockton and San Francisco.
11:50 a. m.—No. 7, Southern Pacific Overland for Merced, San Francisco, Stockton, Sacramento; all points East and North.
11:20 p. m.—Santa Fe California Limited. Merced, Stockton and San Francisco.

TRAINS LEAVE FOR POINTS SOUTH AS FOLLOWS:

3:20 a. m.—Santa Fe for Visalia, Tulare, Bakersfield and East.
6:45 a. m.—No. 200, Southern Pacific (mixed), except Sunday, for Sanger, Reedley and Porterville.
7:00 a. m.—Santa Fe for Hanford, Corcoran, Visalia and Tulare.
8:30 a. m.—Santa Fe, Visalia local, arrives Reedley 9:23 a. m., Visalia 9:50 a. m., Tulare 1:20 p. m.
8:00 a. m.—No. 12, Southern Pacific, for Visalia, Hanford, Coalinga, Porterville and Bakersfield.
9:35 a. m.—No. 31, Southern Pacific (mixed), except Sunday, for Clovis and Pollasky.
3:05 p. m.—No. 81, Southern Pacific, for Bakersfield.
3:10 p. m.—California Limited, Santa Fe, Bakersfield and East.
3:20 p. m.—Santa Fe for Visalia, Tulare and Bakersfield.
3:45 p. m.—Santa Fe for Hanford and Bakersfield.
6:20 p. m.—No. 14, Southern Pacific, for Visalia, Sanger, Reedley and Dinuba.
6:20 p. m.—No. 9, Southern Pacific, for Los Angeles and all points East.
11:09 p. m.—No. 26, The Owl, for Bakersfield and Los Angeles and all points East.

TRAINS ARRIVE FROM POINTS NORTH AS FOLLOWS:

3:15 a. m.—Santa Fe Overland, from San Francisco, Stockton and way stations. Fresno sleeper set out.
3:10 p. m.—From Mendota and way points.
3:10 p. m.—Santa Fe from San Francisco, Stockton and way points.
3:00 p. m.—No. 84, Southern Pacific, from San Francisco, Sacramento and coast points.
3:00 p. m.—Santa Fe Limited, from San Francisco and Stockton.
6:10 p. m.—No. 8, Southern Pacific, from San Francisco, Sacramento and coast.
10:50 p. m.—No. 50, Southern Pacific, from San Francisco and way stations.
11:05 p. m.—No. 26, The Owl, from San Francisco and way points.

TRAINS ARRIVE FROM POINTS SOUTH AS FOLLOWS:

10:50 a. m.—The Santa Fe, from Bakersfield, etc.
2:33 a. m.—No. 25, The Owl, from Los Angeles and Bakersfield.
8:30 a. m.—No. 13, Southern Pacific, from Visalia, Sanger, Reedley, Dinuba and Porterville.
10:30 a. m.—No. 83, Southern Pacific, from Bakersfield, Hanford and Visalia.
11:40 a. m.—Santa Fe, from Bakersfield, East.
11:35 a. m.—No. 7, Southern Pacific Overland, from Los Angeles, Bakersfield, Tulare and way points.
11:10 p. m.—Santa Fe California Limited, daily, Chicago, Los Angeles and the East.
4:20 p. m.—Santa Fe, from Visalia, Reedley and way points.
7:12 p. m.—No. 11, Southern Pacific, from Bakersfield, Porterville, Visalia, Hanford, Goshen and way points.
7:10 p. m.—Santa Fe, from Visalia, Tulare, Hanford and way points.

Was the Verdict Just?

(By S. J. Hinds.)

Henry Baxter was a prosperous produce dealer with his place of business on the commercial corners of South Pearl street, Albany, New York. At Christmas time it was his custom to carry a goodly stock of outdoor supplies and holiday sweets to cover the inside trade.

An advertisement in the Journal brought many lads anxious to fill the positions of extra salesmen. Among those selected was Clarence, just approaching his eighteenth year, a good boy, alert of mind, earnest and faithful to a rare boy, the only son of the Widow Campbell, who stood well with the police.

The son and Alice and a three-room shanty far out near the hill on State street were the summed up items of her happiness since the death of her husband. The husband had been a hard working man with the drinking habits of a river dock hand, with no vices for the home but all for the grog shop. A drunken spree, a fall overboard, left Mrs. Campbell a widow, not much worse off except the loneliness that ached in her heart for his return.

Clarence was the ordinary boy with an added strong eye glance that would not be trifled with.

The first few days in the store brought heart beating and face flushings to the young salesman. He had a great deal to learn before he could run smoothly even in a position that looked so easy from the outside. He watched the old salesmen and picked up hints and cues of their talk about prices and easy sales. Mr. Baxter was moving in and out and around the different departments, giving quiet orders and observing. Several times Clarence caught Mr. Baxter's eyes searching his actions and the young clerk grew a trifle uncomfortable. Mr. Baxter seemed several times on the very point of speaking and the boy became more and more fidgety.

Clarence had just sold four dozen eggs when he felt the touch of Mr. Baxter's hand on his shoulder. In none but a kindly manner the proprietor expressed his satisfaction with the boy's progress, his politeness to customers and his eagerness to please, but there was one business suggestion Mr. Baxter would have him bear in mind. "The lady you just waited on wanted eggs—fresh eggs. They all want fresh eggs, but we do not buy eggs here, so we must sell our supply, not from the last brought in from the country, but from the oldest stock. Eggs we may as well close up business."

As Mr. Baxter spoke these business suggestions, Clarence seemed to discover business justice, but he had noted the return of customers with complaints over and over again and he thought he could have said something in reply, but he did not speak a word but went on with busy hands till closing up time. Unfortunately Clarence was called upon to fill the last order of the day for cranberries and he went to a new barrel just opened, while there remained the bottom leavings of a sold out barrel, just enough to have filled the order, but they were crushed and black and to all appearances ready for decay.

Mr. Baxter saw the movement and almost crushed the salesman with a look. Clarence was mad.

On the way home Clarence thought out the new lessons in business he had learned. He was really mad. His mother could see that something had gone wrong with her son but did not ask him an explanation. It came without an explanation. "Mr. Baxter is a rascal. I am going to quit. I have learned enough about trade. The whole store is packed with frauds and the clerks are expected to cheat and swindle customers."

This outburst of young fire almost took Mrs. Campbell's breath away. "You must not talk that way about Mr. Baxter, my son," said the good mother. "Mr. Baxter is a good man and you will find no better store to work in—what does all this mean?"

"It means," replied Clarence, "that I have had my eyes opened. The store is no place for me and I am going to stop."

The boy's voice would go no further and he sat in silence at the supper table and went off to bed to spend a sleepless night, filled with struggle and thinking. At the breakfast table but little was said and nothing was eaten—there was nothing in the house to eat. A cup of hot water kept the little family in silence together for twenty minutes. The faces of the mother and daughter were the faces of loved ones in distress. The face of the boy was almost expressionless, fixed and determined. The mother asked her boy as he rose to go if he was going to give up his position at the store and received a "See about it" answer in reply and the boy was off.

Mrs. Campbell and her daughter had no dishes to wash so they went out on the back porch and sat down and waited for something.

Clarence went back to the store as usual, half hoping that he could get on and that all would go well with him until he could do better.

The day was almost ended when an old lady walked into the store and ordered a turkey sent to her home at once. Clarence waited on her and received, aside from the usual instructions, a look at the boy best, a pat on the shoulder and the kindly look of a good woman. He made up his mind to carry a fine turkey from the store [illegible] that night, and at the close of the session [illegible] The meeting [illegible] expected that he found [illegible] going in another direction and [illegible] the best turkey on [illegible] hooks. He weighed it and [illegible] and placed it on the delivery [illegible]

There his [illegible] He walked straight to the [illegible] desk and asked [illegible] expressed great [illegible] the sudden action of the [illegible] He asked for [illegible] home. He was told [illegible] with the money. [illegible] he caught me with a [illegible] stopped to be [illegible] The meeting [illegible] "handle me his roots" and go to New York. He had received [illegible] immediate down [illegible] telling him to come [illegible] were plenty jobs for [illegible] down there, and he was [illegible] once must go with him. He would pay his fare. Run home [illegible] off to catch the night boat.

A hurried explanation [illegible] left in the home treasury, a [illegible] for mother and one for sister [illegible] had joined his boy friend on the night boat bound for New York.

It so happened that the lady who had purchased the turkey from Clarence received a generous Christmas dinner supply from a country friend, which good fortune gave her an opportunity to be generous.

The church committee on holiday supplies among the poor were glad to receive the donation and the address which still remained on the tag was marked out and below was written the name of Mrs. Campbell on State street. Mr. Campbell was one of the deserving poor and the gift was gladly received in the unhappy home.

In dressing the turkey Mrs. Campbell noticed that it was not in prime condition, but the quality was not subjected to over-cautious inspection. When all was ready for the Christmas feast the mother sat down with a prayer of thankfulness to God and the committee, and a far away wish for the absent one.

In the middle of the night Mrs. Campbell was taken violently ill. She sought her daughter's bed in the corner but found her alike ill, sitting upright in bed and swaying with pain. The mother was alarmed. She summoned all her strength of mind, dressed herself and hurried away for a doctor. She fell almost fainting at the doctor's door. A hurried explanation, a relief remedy and back came the doctor with the frightened mother to the shanty.

The good physician soon learned the true situation of affairs. It was a clear case of ptomaine poisoning, dreaded by the physician and patient. The child seemed to respond to treatment but the mother's care and body soon showed the evidence of the poison's terrible assault.

The morning brought in neighbors and a nurse called in by the kind doctor. The patient lingered on day and night, clear in mind, but her body swollen to frightful proportions, her face contracted into a painful smile, her head bent back, her eyes protruding, her jaws fixed. Convulsions followed convulsions and yet through all the terrible battle her mind was clear. She asked for Clarence and for Alice.

A letter came from Clarence, full of young heart beatings.

"Dear Mother: How glad I am to be able to write you that I have found a place, a good position. Bell boy at the Metropolitan hotel. I am to get $2 per week and tips. I shall get on fine I know, and be able to send you money at the end of every week. Just think, you and sister can come here and live near me in this big city and that very soon. I do miss you so much dear mother, and Alice too. Tell her I will buy her a hat and send it by express. Now do not try to do so much washing for I will send you my wages every week.

"A hundred kisses for you and Alice.

"Your Loving Boy,

"CLARENCE."

This was a cheering letter. The dying mother understood every word but she knew too well that she would never see her boy again. Telegrams were sent to Clarence and the hotel proprietor at New York. The son came on with all haste to Albany. The mother was dead. Her body and face were so mis-shapened by the terrible poisoning that the son never saw his mother's face. He saw the plain coffin, but it was closed.

After the funeral Clarence heard from the doctor the story of the poisoning and the frightful form of death and the story of the Christmas turkey. The doctor showed the tag with the cancelled address. The boy's grief stood still. He left the room. He visited the members of the charity committee with the tag in his hand. His suspicions were confirmed.

From a gun store he secured a shot gun, loaded it, and went straight to the store on South Pearl street and shot Mr. Baxter full in the face, killing him instantly. Seized by bystanders and clerks the prisoner was hurried to jail while the body of Mr. Baxter waited for the coroner. There was great excitement vibrating through the city throughout the day and long into the night, following the killing.

Mr. Baxter stood well with merchants, bankers and hedge men, and expressions passed from mouth to ear and from ear to mouth again, about law and hanging. Some declared the killing had been committed out of revenge on account of the prisoner's dismissal, but the daily papers published the true story. A published interview with the attending physician and the testimony at the inquest gave the public the whole truth and opinion was divided. The poor and emotional acquitted the boy, but the sturdy citizens for law and order—the church and lodge men called him murderer.

The slayer was soon indicted and his case hurried on for trial. Special counsel of high priced ability was employed to assist the district attorney. The defendant was without financial means to employ a legal defender. Alice alone came to the jail to see him, and there were many who hoped for an impartial but scoped reluctant to be found conspicuous in giving assistance. A young attorney was appointed by the presiding judge to undertake the defense, and the trial was on.

The selection of the jury proved interesting. There were many whispered conferences and it was seen that many were called, but few chosen. The friends of the deceased were on the jury, judge men, church men and law and order men, but the young advocate had looked well to their prejudices and their social, political and business connections, and one after another was [illegible] and when the [illegible] had at last made up, selected and sworn to well and truly try the case.

The proof of guilt was not difficult to furnish. A dark story, quietly but [illegible] of deliberate preparation and a cowardly murderous killing. The prisoner seemed to be without any real defense. His attorney called a few neighbors who had known the boy from infancy as a law abiding citizen. Alice, pale and frightened, was placed on the stand to prove something about the mother, but the judge ruled her testimony out. Her [illegible] that she would [illegible] if her brother [illegible] impressed [illegible] who saw her in the witness box. There was an impressive pause in the court proceedings as Alice left the stand and took her seat near the prisoner. The court room was crowded and the [illegible]

"Gentlemen of the jury," [illegible] the prisoner faced the jury [illegible] in his own behalf. The [illegible] the judge and the [illegible] to wonder [illegible] had [illegible] Clarence [illegible] and self possessed. His manner was humble and yet manly. He made a good witness. He turned his face to the jury and in a perfect sound of words he told the straightforward story of his relations with Mr. Baxter and bravely faced the consequence. He was not conscious of crime. There was nothing to excuse, extenuate or justify the act. The prisoner had admitted the killing and the manner of the killing. And so the evidence was closed and the district attorney fiercely addressed the jury. It was a case of murder in the first degree and nothing else. The law demanded that the jury should overlook the youth of the prisoner and the unfortunate circumstances attending the death of the mother. Such a defense was based on revenge and malice and the good order of the civilized community demanded a prompt execution of the prisoner.

As the district attorney took his seat the prisoner's counsel arose to reply. His personality was in his favor. His manner was impressive. There was an earnest [illegible] in his voice. He at once caught the attention of every juror. He told the history of the men of trade and made much of their casualties. He told how "fraud and adulteration had made their prosperous criminality, at the expense of human lives and human happiness. These same men, in indifference as to the ways and means of getting on in the world, had been cruel all along the ages, overbearing and bullying to the poor and needy, who had by chance or misfortune become their debtors. To obtain credit and not pay was to become a thief and scoundrel and these same trades people had haunted legislature halls to press thumb-screwing and flesh-pinching laws to the poor debtors' undoing."

This much he said and more. His eloquence seemed full of verdict getting. He declared it had come to such a pass that the people must turn from constitutional form of government and constitutional rules to acknowledge the over ruling power of commercial greed and commercial graft. If the plotting, sinning money-getters were brought to light, American citizenship would be afraid to look even Englishmen in the face. "I tell you scores thing must be done, and something will be done if we must come to it at last we will guillotine Louis XVI."

"Was not the boy deeply wronged? Was not his mother murdered? He would not ignore the death of the mother who had been murdered by commercial greed. She had not been shot down, it was true, but a rascally love of gain and an indifference to the methods of getting rich, had tortured her out of life." Her slayer had not been tried by a judge and jury with lawyers and clerks, but tried nevertheless by the higher law that no human heart could fail this day to approve. A love of right and justice was not malice and the prisoner "stood before human hearts and asked for their approval."

The special counsel who closed the case for the prosecution told the jury their plain duty and demanded a verdict that called for hanging. The judge charged strongly against the prisoner and the jury retired to deliberate.

The impression seemed to be that the jury would at once return a verdict of guilty, and the bystanders and the lawyers waited in the court room.

Half and hour—no verdict. An hour went by and no verdict. The gas was lighted in the court room. The crowd increased and the anxiety for a verdict made a painful waiting.

A loud knock at the jury room door was heard and the jury marched in, headed by the bailiff.

The judge stood up and faced with the prisoner, also the jurors, who announced their verdict—not guilty.

A noise as of rushing night wind swept over the court room. Alice, with a scream, called her brother's name and he came from the prisoner's box to comfort her.

SOME NEWS OF LONDON

How the Soap Trust Bubble Was Bursted.

Royal Xmas Cards—A Divorce Sensation—Peer and Actress Again.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The soap trust bubble has burst and dissolved from inherent weakness, it is said, after a stormy existence of but twenty-eight days. It had a capital of $80,000,000, and embraced all the leading firms in the British trade. The principle it adopted was the pooling of profits without advancing prices. The trust was filled by the cry of "free trade and free competition." This was the childbirth of the press and public, and then came the hostility of the grocers and allied trades. A vigorous agitation was carried on, and the public advised to buy nontrust soaps. Lists of ingredited trust soaps were published in newspapers.

The hostility of the English public toward anything in the nature of the trust made the boycott perhaps the most effective weapon employed, and the battle was practically won several weeks ago. In the meantime, new soap works were springing up on every hand, the demand for goods made by trust houses fell off to nothing almost, and the future of the scheme became so dark and hopeless that at a meeting of all the firms interested, a motion to dissolve was unanimously adopted. The result of the battle is a great compliment to the force of public opinion, and the incident may afford our American cousins a valuable hint in dealing with kindred wrongs on their side of the water.

Royal Xmas Cards.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra this year have chosen most charming designs for the royal Christmas cards. The king always personally selects the design for his card, and the subject illustrated is the Anglo-Japanese alliance—a subject, it must be allowed, which does not wholly comport with the sentiment of the season: "Peace on earth and good will to men." The design, however, is suggestive only of international amity and sociability. It depicts a ballroom scene where British officers are leading through the measures of an English dance the graceful beauties of Japan. The cards are exceedingly handsomely and tastefully illustrated, and the oriental group of the ladies give a touch of brilliant color which blends harmoniously with the British uniforms. A simple Christmas greeting is the only lettering, and each card is signed by hand by royalty.

The queen has selected an old English custom as the subject of the picture. It tells a dainty story of her majesty's native country. In December every winter, when the snow has fallen, the villagers, as a solemn rite, place a bundle of wheat on the roof of their cottages to feed the birds while food is scarce. The gentle scene is painted in glowing water colors, and as the queen's cards are always large in size, this year being twenty-two inches long and twelve wide, the artist has sought to produce effects of exceptional beauty and merit. Each one has a suitable inscription chosen by her majesty, and also bears the royal autograph.

A Divorce Sensation.

A coming divorce sensation is the object of gossip in the innermost circles of society. The affair of a young peer, who is as well known in politics as in the social world, are said to be drifting inevitably to the arbitrament of Sir Cornell Barnes's Society, a usual, has taken sides in the matter, owing to the extent of imputing guilt or innocence. The most persistent gossip makes the husband the aggrieved person and he, it is said, is responsible for initiating legal proceedings. There are those, however, who maintain that the lady has suffered at her husband's hands, and if these rumors prove to be well founded, charge may be met by counter-charge. Friends, including some of exalted station, tried, it is said, to arrange matters quietly, and a private understanding was earnestly desired, if only in the interests of the children. Peace negotiations are now, however, said to be at an end, and Mrs. Grundy is laying in a stock of seasonable blushes.

Two Much Wine.

As the result of a scandalous occurrence not long ago, on the occasion of a royal function, a lady well known in society has just had the intimation made to her privately that no further invitations can be extended to her, and while not wishing to inflict upon her the extreme punishment of a public announcement, formally cancelling her presentation at court, an event, by the way, that first took place some years ago, she is no longer to present herself there. The old trouble arose through a too liberal indulgence in some of the rare old wines with which the tables were so lavishly covered, and the matter culminated in a scene so public and so unmistakable that there was no alternative but to act in this way.

Peer and Actress.

Apparently we are not yet at the end of the long series of romances associated with the peerage and the stage. A juvenile peer who has been well known about town for the last few years, two weeks ago made formal proposal of marriage to a popular musical comedy actress, and there seems no doubt that she has accepted his offer. In this case, however, the budding bridegroom has decided to obtain his family's consent before making any formal announcement on the subject.

A Love Romance.

The present Lord Romilly, who will soon celebrate his eighth birthday, is one of the saddest of orphans, and with the death of his father and mother within a few months of each other last year, one of the most thrilling romances of the peerage closed. Less than ten years ago Miss Violet Grey-Egerton, one of the prettiest girls in society, became engaged to Mr. Ernest Cunard, one of the greatest matches of the day. All preparations were complete for the wedding, but a day or two beforehand the world was startled by the announcement that Miss Grey-Egerton had been quietly married to Lord Romilly. Then it was recalled that a couple of years previously Miss Grey-Egerton had been engaged to Lord Romilly, but the match had been broken off. On the eve of her marriage with Mr. Cunard an accidental meeting with Lord Romilly revived old memories, and so a secret bridal was arranged.

Mr. Walter Burns, who is to be married on February 9th to Miss Evelyn Cavendish Bentinck, is one of the richest and most popular American bachelors in London. He owns a mansion in Hampshire, and his mother, who is also very rich, has purchased a beautiful old Elizabethan house in Herts, with a long gallery in the style of Hatfield House. Mr. Burns's sister is the wife of Mr. Lewis Harcourt and a prominent political hostess. The late Sir William Harcourt was devoted to his daughter-in-law and his three beautiful grandchildren. At her fine house in Berkeley square, Mrs. Harcourt has entertained generously. Her diamonds are magnificent and some of them are crown jewels of France.

IT BROUGHT TEARS.

Japanese Students at Yale Wept Over President's Message.

When Yale's Japanese students assembled this week to celebrate the president's eulogy of their nation and their race one misguided member of the little group proceeded to read to them the message in Japanese, translating as he went along.

Now, of all peoples, probably, the Japanese most pride themselves upon the suppression of evidence of emotion other than those of a gentle and respectful joy. Yet the reading of the message had not gone far before every one of the students was weeping copiously, and, though the accounts of the episode do not say so, it is probable that the tears continued to fall from every eye until the translator had completed his colossal task. Well they might. It must have been a pretty grim experience to stand by, or even sit, while the linked preaching of that message, so long drawn out, was transmuted into a language so remote from the original as Japanese.

Oh, yes, the students liked it. At least they said so, when their sobs permitted, and they had the strength to spake and the endurance to hear speeches of their own, enthusiastically appreciative of the president's enthusiastic appreciation of Japanese virtues. They did not deny the accuracy of his praise. They admitted it, frankly, even warmly. But they did weep!

It is said that Japanese courtesy demands smiles from those who have been bereft of their nearest relatives—demands that private sorrows shall not be allowed to trouble friends or relatives. But, though these were the very elite of Japanese youth, their composure broke down under the constant dropping of 30,000 words. They will have the active sympathy of every proofreader in the country, and of, probably, 100 or 500 other white and free American citizens. The rest of our population, not having read more than a few thousand words here and there in the message, will not understand as well the pain of the Japanese students, but still will be sorry for them, and hope that the authorities at home may not treat too severely their failure to live up to Japanese standards of polite impassibility. — New York Times.

FACE TO FACE WITH A PARADOX

What should a man do in case he comes face to face with a paradox? I presume it would depend upon the man. Some men can and do meet paradoxes and get past them without getting hurt. Others have been totally ruined by meeting and monkeying with a paradox. Meeting a paradox is a good deal like meeting a grizzly bear. A well-armed mountaineer, if he has every advantage on his side and a good, open trail to get away on, may attack a grizzly. The inexperienced man would best leave him alone. So with the paradox, only a well-balanced man should tackle it. Even the best-equipped men are sometimes vanished by grizzlies and paradoxes.

Even so versatile a writer and experienced man of the world as Alfred Henry Lewis, it would seem, has been badly crippled in his contests with paradoxes. In an interesting essay in a recent magazine he says that he is ever face to face with paradox. About the worst he seems to have been up against is "the paradox of time, the paradox of space." "I understand and don't understand, know and don't know," says Mr. Lewis. "I look into the heavens' fenceless depths, and know they can have no end, no beyond. Also I am incapable of the endless. The same with time. It is as though my intelligence had received a blow in the face. Feeling myself finite, I draw back from the infinite; I tuck the tail of my conceit between the legs of my conceit, and skull for cover."

There is the action of a discreet man. And therein is where a tussle with a paradox is preferable to a tussle with a grizzly. When you get enough of it you can tuck the tail of your conceit between the legs of your conceit and skull for cover.

I once met an individual who had been a man of considerable cultivation, but he was not a discreet man. He had met these same paradoxes with which Mr. Lewis had his little unpleasantness, but he had not had the judgment to skulk when he should have done so. He had continued to pry into the infinite with the mistaken notion that if he worked long enough he could finally get the lid off. But his can-opener wasn't strong enough. Instead of discovering the inside workings of the universe he got wheels in his own head. The oddest thing about his derangement was that he believed that he had been successful. He believed that he had discovered the secret of the whole business and his consuming desire was to impart the information to the rest of the world or any individual unit of it that would listen to him. He was sane enough on other matters, and earned his living, but he would talk about nothing else but the checkworks of the infinite.

Now, I have been thinking somewhat upon these matters and the soul of me is puzzled to know which of these two men have the best of it—the one which ran away from the paradox or the one which stayed and got caught in the machinery. The one believes that he has discovered the secret of things and is happy in that belief. He is crazy, it is true, but he does not know and does not believe that he is crazy. Wherein has any of the rest of us the advantage of him?

As for Mr. Lewis, he has quit investigating the machinery of time and space and now devotes his old moments to a study of the world, "prying among its wheels and cogs and springs for motives." Here is his conclusion: "The World believes with Vespasian that the smell of all money is sweet; with Thrasymachus that justice is the interest of the stranger; with Herodotus that when telling a lie will be profitable, let the lie be told. For one, I am willing to take the world at its word on these. I did not make the world. I would not change it if I could; for I am of the heresy of Cain."

The heresy of Cain was that he was not his brother's keeper. The man who holds to that doctrine assumes that he is under no obligation to try to make the world better. In fact Mr. Lewis declares that he abides upon the ramparts of an "isolated high indifference," and that in the subject he has no interest save the interest of discussion. "I would not," says he, "turn hand or head to start or steer or stop the world in its career." He affects to fail to see any purpose in civilization and doubts if humanity has bettered itself in leaving the savage state.

But all men are not constituted as Mr. Lewis is. To some of us his position seems cowardly. He puts himself upon a parallel with the suicide. To assume the attitude of a cynic and to look with indifference upon the struggles of humanity for better things is mean and contemptible. I say, to some of us it seems so. Mr. Lewis is as much entitled to his view as we are to ours. I take no interest in his case save the interest of discussion.

Some of us, however, while prying among the wheels and cogs and springs of the world are looking for something besides motives. Not all of us have given up in despair because we do not know where we were when the foundations of the earth were laid or because we cannot number the clouds in our wisdom. Some of us believe that there is a purpose behind it all. We believe that civilization is a progress beyond savagery and that although there be many things in our present status which are wrong and unjust and discouraging that these things are necessary milestones in our advancement—necessary steps to be taken before we can arrive at something better. And we feel more interest in the matter than the mere interest of discussion. We feel the urge of a spirit within us which we cannot stifle. We want to see things better and we work to make them better as we see the light. We may not all have like theories as to the best means to employ that we may reach a higher civilization, but we are all one in desiring that a higher civilization may be reached, and are ready to turn both head and hand to assist in the steering of the craft. Some of us are even so childlike and simple as to believe that there is something more in the brotherhood of man than an empty phrase. By what means a man may become so soured upon his fellow creatures as to live upon the ramparts of an isolated high indifference, is a mystery to us.

J. K. TULY.

Fresno, 358 Voorman avenue, December 28, 1906.

TICKER FOR CONGRESS.

Suggested Installation of Microphones Would Be Approved for Many Reasons.

Successful experiments have been made at the capitol with an electrical microphone which reproduces at any distance every word uttered in the senate or house. An instrument on a desk in the room of the committee on appropriations told clearly of everything going on in the house and the members of the committee were enabled to proceed with their committee work with the assurance that they would be warned by the instrument whenever their presence would be needed on the floor of the house. It is proposed to install these instruments in the new senate and house office buildings, so that lawmakers may listen to debates from their own rooms.

This invention need not be confined to the capitol. Unless we are mistaken congress will seize upon it as a means to bolster up its waning popularity. Something must be done to counteract the preponderance of public attention bestowed upon another branch of the government. The installation of the microphone in the chop houses, hotel lobbies, saloons, bucket shops, and other places where men do congregate, would do much to restore congress to general notice. Necessarily, if the national lawmakers know that their words were being listened to by large and interested crowds, the debates would be more animated and heady encounters would be more frequent. The congressional ticker would become an attraction in every club, barber shop and bowling alley in Washington. Later on the wires might be extended to Wall street and other interested places. Very properly, the White House should be equipped with a well-lubricated machine.

The executive sessions of the senate would reach the public much more effectively if reported by the microphone than is the case at present. In spite of their diligent efforts, it is impossible for senators to tell the press everything that occurs in executive session. Something is almost certain to be forgotten, since most of the senators are not trained reporters. With the microphone, every word could be reproduced, and the newspapers would then be able to select for publication such matter as is actually worth printing.

The microphone, evidently, is capable of great usefulness. Congress will be blind to its opportunities if it does not install the machine forthwith.—Washington Post.

SOLDIER AND SERVANT IN ROMANTIC TRAGEDY.

PARIS.—A chance meeting between a municipal guard and a servant in the Place Dauphine on a spring morning led to a romance which ended in a tragedy. The municipal guard became the girl's lover, and so great an ascendancy did he exercise over her that he got hold of all her savings and even her monthly wages when they became due. He promised the girl marriage, but he had no intention of marrying her, but when he announced that he was going to be appointed a gendarme in the provinces and that he was going to marry another girl, she took the matter seriously. She persecuted the guard, wrote to his parents, and even followed him to the barracks, where she informed him that if he abandoned her she would kill him. Subsequently the couple met. It was the last time. The guard told her that they must never meet again; that he was about to leave Paris. He had scarcely uttered the last word when the girl produced a revolver and fired two shots at him. She then attempted to take her own life, but only succeeded in wounding her hand. The guard was mortally wounded and died in the hospital a few hours afterwards. The last act in the drama has been enacted at the Seine assizes. The girl wept, but the jury was not moved by the spectacle, especially as it came out in evidence that the girl had shown the revolver to the guard's friends, and had informed them that if he did not marry her she would do him an injury. The jury, however, agreed that there were extenuating circumstances and imposed a sentence of five years' imprisonment.

"A Man Who Can Do Things."

Some years ago a group of New York financier interested in acquiring entrance for a certain railway system into Pittsburg were in consultation over what seemed some insurmountable legal obstacle in the way of their desires. All but Roer, who was present, had expressed their opinion that the thing was impossible. Morgan finally turned to him and asked:

"What do you think about it?"

"I believe it can be done," was the reply; "in fact, I have already prepared a brief on the subject, which is in my desk, and if you will give me time to consult it and consider the subject I am certain that I can show you how it can be accomplished."

Mr. Morgan looked at him a moment, and then, with a hearty slap on his back, exclaimed:

"You're my man; I want a man who can do things." Review of Reviews.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE TAKES LEAF FROM KAISER'S BOOK

PARIS.—General Picquart is evidently introducing new ideas into the war office. And they are ideas which look for efficiency, even though they are not exactly new. General Picquart has, in fact, taken a leaf out of the kaiser's book. The new policy was put into operation two weeks ago. At three o'clock one morning a motor car containing four men drove to the artillery barracks at Vincennes. One of the men demanded admittance, but the corporal of the guard informed him that he could not enter at that hour, and that he had better return in the forenoon. The door was shut in the men's faces. The bell was rung again. After the lapse of a quarter of an hour, the door was opened by a sergeant, who brusquely informed the visitors that the could not expect to be received in the barracks at that unearthly hour. One of the men said that he wanted to see the adjutant. "Show me your papers first," demanded the sergeant. The visitor complied. For a moment the sergeant was stupefied. Then he recovered himself and stood at the salute. The insistent visitor was no other than Cheron, the under secretary of state for war. The adjutant, who was sent for and Cheron and his companions made a thorough inspection of the barracks of the Twelfth artillery. The inspection was not neat in vain. As a result, better sleeping accommodations are to be provided for the men.

E. F. Mitchell, who recently returned from Washington, will leave in a few days for Sacramento, where he will act as executive secretary to Governor-elect Gillett.

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Old Crow Bourbon Whiskey	3.40
Guckenheimer Rye	3.50
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Holland Gin, No. 1	2.50
Cal. Grape Brandy, No. 3	1.50
Cal. Grape Brandy, No. 2	2.25
Cal. Grape Brandy, No. 1	2.60
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Old Crow Whiskey	.90
Hermitage Whiskey	.90
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FASHION at HOME and ABROAD

So many women forget or, sadder still, never seem to know that the secret of being well dressed is to wear whatever is becoming to them.

Foolish indeed is the virgin who wears brown just because it happens to be smart this season when she knows that it makes her complexion sallow, or blouses fitted closely to the figure when she knows that they reveal defects—uneven shoulders or angularities of form. Having discovered the color and cut which especially suit her, she should stick to it closer than a brother. Sameness is not to be feared as much as an unfortunate variety of choice.

To describe the smart French models illustrated the point de esprit frock is of empire design, the tight fitting skirt weighted at the bottom with a deep band of empire green satin above, which is a trail of roses done in pink silk. The decollete neck is treated in a like fashion. Don't you think the opera hood fascinating? It is a pink chiffon velvet lined with chiffon of the same shade, and the full face frill is dotted with rosebuds. In the scheme of things this season mourning modes are particularly attractive. An example of this forethought is found in the toque pictured. And the stunning French model hat in taupe felt with a knot of mulberry velvet and shaded feathers is a beauty.

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How fashionable dressmakers do enjoy making poor women miserable! One of their latest means of torture is the introduction of the overskirt. A more unaesthetic style never afflicted civilization, but that will not prevent the garment from being admired by the smart world. A brown crepe de chine costume just received from Paris demonstrates the overskirt vogue. It is made with three bias ruffles around the bottom of the full petticoat. Over this in thin cloth of the same shade are draped two deep points, one back and the other front, the points falling to the bottom of the skirt, the drapery at one side going halfway to the knees before it slopes away to the back and front. It is hoped that this overskirt affliction will wear itself out this season.

There is a demand for lightness in the sartorial world, and airy gowns bought by the ounce rather than by the yard are the rule rather than the exception. Light settings, too, are being used in jewelry, and the barbaric styles that were thought so smart last winter are taboo this year of grace. A long chain recently made for a society woman is of fine gold wrought in a delicate pattern and studded with precious stones, first a fine black pearl, next a gleaming fire opal, then a fiery hearted ruby with here and there a flashing diamond.

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The smartest of winter raiment calls for severely straight lines. There is not a curve in the seams of the swagger hip length jackets of tailored suits from abroad. The long coats of broadcloth do not ripple in at the waist line, but follow an unyielding perpendicular from the arm's eye to a point where the fronts curve away severely and precisely like a man's cutaway. It is absolutely vulgar to have hips or a waist line, and there you are.

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Many of the most costly hats depend almost wholly on their shape and material for effect. Tulle is lavishly employed, but it usually matches the general color tone, so is unobtrusive. The buckle and the bird are oftener than not all the ornamentation employed.

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One of the new fads of the season, and a pretty fad it is, too, is the combination of coral and cameo in a setting of dull gold.

No doubt the craze for gay colors had more or less to do with this decidedly unusual fashion, and the pink and reddish colors of the stones are a feature of the newest necklaces and combs.

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The hems of many of the season's finest ball gowns are to be weighted down with trimming of some kind, fur, marabou and even swansdown being used. Another form of ornamentation is embroidery in lightly woven metal ribbons, either silver, gold, oxidized silver or green gold. Garlands of flowers with fragile foliage and petals of gold or silver gauze are found ready to apply. With a little taste the most exquisite frock could be evolved combining these and tulline, which is a new fabric somewhat heavier than tulle, but with the same mesh and a waterproof finish. Of course there must be two layers of the same tulline veiling, the foundation for the diaphanous effect so greatly in demand can only be gained in this manner. In fur, ermine or miniver are the favorites, even supplanting Russian sable, which was formerly the most popular and fashionable of fur borderings.

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Black spangles, and these are classed as jet, though not so, properly speaking, never quite drop from notice, some statuesque beauty appearing almost every season in a glittering black robe which so accentuates her good points that others immediately follow her example. But real jet has not come up for notice for something like twenty years. It made a modest appearance last winter, and spring found many leading dressmakers advocating it to their patrons.

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The popular ribbon embroidery appears even on slippers. Those of pink, blue and white kid have a pretty design done in ribbon on the vamp, and some are further embellished with cut steel beads and colored stone ornaments.

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A smart evening wrap is indispensable and, in fact, two or more should be provided for the debutante. One should be light in color and of cloth or silk, and the other, which is for theater wear or for any similar entertainment, for which other conveyance than carriage be used, to be of a medium dark, or even a dark shade. Gray or dark red are the two best for the latter, but the first mentioned wrap should be in the most becoming of the many exquisite pale tints or else white, and a fur collar should be provided that can be worn with either if the purse be long enough.

In getting fur for this purpose it is well to get the best possible, for a detachable collar comes in for many occasions, and a cheap or an imitation fur does not stand even light wear for one season, and one of these collars should last a long time with good care. Hudson Bay sable is an excellent choice, although white fox is a great temptation because of its fluffiness that seems just meant to frame a young, pretty face. Lace is not as much used on these wraps as formerly, but instead is lavished upon the curious frocks for house wear, especially on those worn for the afternoon by the debutante daughter when she has an informal gathering of her young friends.

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Brown veils—lace or chiffon or the hairline meshes—have become as popular this year as the brown mulines which decorates the bandeaux of any and every color of hat. Black—the staple color—is, of course, worn a great deal, but the use of brown is the new color point of veils. Even with gray hats, and there are plenty of them about, brown veils are worn, but the particular shade is chosen with a nicety that keeps the combination from being an unpleasant conglomeration of neutral tints.

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Gloves must not only be long enough to more than meet the sleeve, but must wrinkle in luxurious disregard of the amount of kid that goes into their mousquetaires.

Gown of Brown Veiling.

Brown veiling makes the attractive gown illustrated. The skirt is a side plaited affair that is much newer and smarter than the sun ray model. The

harness bodice is plaited and worn over a chemisette of ecru embroidery. The sleeves are of embroidery, with cuffs of veiling trimmed with large, brown velvet buttons.

Early Winter Fashion Developments In Paris

PARIS, Nov. 24.—"I've got the blooming hypo, auntie, and am going to take Marie with me and walk it off in the Bois," announced a pretty girl of the smart American set here in Paris as she entered the apartment of a very conventional relative. "There is no use remonstrating with Elizabeth," said the shocked "auntie" to me in half apologetic tones, "for she says all the girls talk in this unheard of fashion and that she's not going to be a 'squealer,' whatever that awful thing may be." I tried to soothe the old lady's feelings by telling her that her pretty niece was only living up to the creed of her friends. Startling as this language appears at first sight, nobody accustomed to the uncompromising frankness of the modern young woman would be seriously shocked by such an expression of feeling from even the fairest of debutantes. The days are past when she would be told that she was "unladylike," while the mere fact of her having the "blooming hypo" would entitle her to the sympathy and consideration of her listeners, all of whom at one time or another have probably known what it is to suffer from the same symptoms, for, to be quite frank, the "blooming hypo" is undoubtedly the fashionable disease of the moment, distancing even the popular appendicitis. Every day we not only find ourselves growing more and more depressed, but our friends and relatives are groaning under the same burden of an ever increasing gloom. And the funny part of it is that in nine out of every ten cases there is no earthly reason for the depression. We can't account for it, but we are equally prone to it in prosperity as in adversity, and only too frequently the attack comes on just when we ought to be feeling the happiest.

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Of course there are a few exceptional individuals who are immune from the malady, the ones who tell you that the mental misery you are suffering is due to nothing but "liver," while other superior persons attribute it to "want of religious faith" or a "proper sense of duty." It is very wrong to feel depressed, these well intentioned ones tell you, adding by way of consolation, "Think how much better off you are than some people." Why the consciousness of the misfortunes of others should be supposed to have an exhilarating effect on one is a "something" I never could understand. But you can no more cure a fit of depression by argument than you can reason away a bad pain. It is purely temperamental and cannot be treated as one would a mere physical disease. Even the great remedy—work—is not always curative, for one of the worst phases of the trouble is a total inability to take an interest in things. And an unfortunate fact is that, as a rule, people of the greatest vitality are most subject to fits of the greatest depression. Those who are capable of reaching the highest peaks of happiness are as easily plunged in the lowest depths of despair. Human nature, though, after all, is made up largely of conflicting emotions, and the people who have never hated any one have probably never loved any one very deeply. In the same way people who are never particularly happy are never likely to be particularly unhappy. There are, to be sure, a certain number of individuals in this world who live in a blissful semiconscious condition, devoid of the "ups" and "downs" which make life such a mixture of alternating hope and despair to the rest of humanity. But is this really living? I would rather take my chances for weal or woe and actually feel things.

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If human nature is made up of conflicting emotions the sartorial cosmos, too, is made up of conflicting modes. Paquin is championing empire styles, the great Beer is the exponent of the directoire, and Worth has never really forsaken his first love, the princess. This conflict of chiffons has been happily ended by the couturieres settling upon the name "restoration" as a generic term for all of the revived fashions. It was predicted that the empire styles would "go out" this winter. As a matter of fact, they will never wholly go out.

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Most of us take an interest in dress chiefly because of the possibilities of returning every now and then to the vague draperies of the empire, which are irresistible, especially as a change from defined waists and bell shaped skirts. There is nothing that cannot be done—as the Greeks well knew—with straight, broad lines as a basis to work upon. Unbroken lines are always decorative, while the richest elaborations only gain by being framed in simplicity. A proof that the empire styles still hold sway is that several of the beautiful gowns worn in a new play at the Vaudeville are either cut on orthodox empire principles or represent a compromise between the princess and the empire. A very original dress in the latter fashion was of cerise mousseline de soie made with deep shoulder straps and Greek sleeves, which left the upper part of the arm bare. A prim little lace tucker intervened between the actual dress and the decollete. Another frock which borrowed ideas from the eighteenth century was composed of white silver striped gauze. The low necked bodice was embroidered with roses, which trimming also adorned the skirt, together with a crosswise design of black velvet that gave a very distinctive note to the confection.

PARISIAN WEDDING COSTUME AND A GOING AWAY GOWN.

The spangled dresses of the season are dreams of beauty, with every color of the rainbow to be seen in their scintillating loveliness. So gorgeous are many of these creations in nuances that the rainbow is left in the rear as a pastel shadow. The old spangled robe was merely filled in with an elaborate pattern, but the new effects are veritable coats of mail done in loose scaly designs that swing when the wearer walks. Colored robes are numerous, but singularly enough the old favorite, the black spangled gown, is conspicuously missing from the color list, the fashionable shades for the spangled robe being indigo blue and gray. These robes are not only made up for ball costumes, but especially for restaurant dinner wear. By the way, dinner frocks are "the" important costumes of the winter wardrobe. So popular has the idea of dining in public become, even here in Paris, where it took the seed long to germinate, that in certain smart restaurants admission is gained only by cards. To continue to talk of the spangled robe, they are almost invariably cut en princesse with long, flowing train, square necks and, of course, short sleeves. And the sleeves are quite a feature of the frock, being always of mousseline de soie in a darker shade than the toilet. They have the further interesting characteristic of not being draped alike. One manche hangs in winglike form from the shoulder, while the other is draped from the elbow undersleeve, falling in a couple of graceful points. Mme. Litvinne, the well known singer, wore a magnificant dress of this description at the first Colonne concert of the season. It was in pale gray tulle—the heavy kind they are using so much here in Paris—spangled with silver and diamonds. The sleeves were of smoke gray mousseline de soie. In her hair she wore a wreath made of three green spangled lizards. The combination of the two shades of gray, the silver and the green in the midst of the blond coiffure was charming. I had forgotten to tell you that the most successful of these spangled robes are embroidered in a design of long leaves and lines in order to give length to the figure.

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Second only to the evening dress, there is no item in a woman's wardrobe which presents difficulties equal to the evening cloak. It must be handsome, warm and not too perishable and yet light and artistic. An artist in the Place Vendome, whose reputation is spreading by leaps and bounds, has just completed an exquisite wrap of mordore liberty satin trimmed with gold lace, with the cape effect and sleeves edged with marten that ought to make glad the heart of the average woman. White corduroy evening coats lined with inexpensive white fur are smart if a trifle less luxurious than the model in liberty silk.

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The modish flower of the moment is the chrysanthemum. Not only does it figure in its natural form in our drawing rooms and dining rooms, but our dressmakers are using it in every possible way for their smart creations. A Japanese painter residing at the gay capital has even been commissioned to reproduce his native blossoms on satins, velvets, crepe de chine and mousselines. These designs will be perfect works of art, each bearing the characteristic cachet of the Nippon empire. For passementerie the chrysanthemum lends itself to endless combinations as much in texture as in shape. The Callot sisters—those clever, artistic women—are using it on a directoire model they are creating for the season at Monte Carlo. The trimming appears in long, narrow bands down the front of the skirt and around the short bolero.

CATHERINE TALBOT.

Fashions In Wedding Gowns.

Few brides are aware that white attire for nuptial ceremonies is of comparatively modern origin. Yellow was the color adopted by the Roman ladies in the remote ages, and even now pink is the color which finds favor with eastern brides. In the middle ages and during the renaissance brides wore crimson. Most of the Plantagenet and Tudor queens were married in that vivid hue, which is still popular in parts of Brittany, where the bride is usually dressed in crimson brocade. It was Mary Stuart who first changed the color of the bridal garments. At her marriage with Francis I. of France, in 1558, which took place, not before the altar, but before the great doors of Notre Dame, she was dressed in white brocade, with a train of pale blue Persian velvet six yards in length. This innovation caused a great stir in the fashionable world of the time. It was not, however, until the end of the seventeenth century that pure white, the color before that worn by royal widows, was used for bridal garments.

Novelties in Jewelry.

The chatelaine bracelet, from which dangles a pretty vanity case and other useful trinkets, is one of the vagaries of the moment. New bracelets, almost, if not quite, an inch in width, display large stones or panels or plaques of smaller stones, connected by very open links in diamonds or with heavy gold arabesques.

Very broad rings, both in richly chased flat effects of dull gold and in heavier rings, set with dark stones of a contrasting color, such as a deep ruby or a velvety blue sapphire, are finding much favor. Also, in the broad style, fine gold filigree is employed, set with a single gem. Large stones are very much in request, and hardly any precious stone is now deemed too enormous to be set in a ring.

WOMAN'S INTERESTS IN MANY FIELDS.

The Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs has pledged itself to work for trades unions among women and girls, particularly those employed in factories.

Mrs. Giles Speer of Milwaukee says he will have no crape on her door after she is dead. She prefers yellow, because she always liked that color. Neither will she be put into the ground. She always hated dirt, she says, and has no mind to turn into it. She intends to be cremated.

Some fascinating little wraps are built in pelerine fashion, something like the pelerines of fur so fashionable a couple of years ago, but much broader—wide enough to drape down well over the arms in place of a sleeve, the peculiar cut making rippling lines down both outer edges.

Susan Strong, the noted American singer, has started as a business venture in London a laundry for renovating fine lace and lingerie.

In bracelets chains set with gems are most worn and all sorts of gems are used.

An exquisite chepe de chine gown worn by a very fair woman was the wine color in fashion in our grandmother's day.

The quaint wraps that came out last summer, modeled upon dolmans and pelerines, and all the pretty wraps of our grandmothers' day, furnished inspiration for many of the winter evening wraps. The cape idea dominates most of them, having its effect even upon the long loose coats which have had things all their own way for so long a time.

The birthstone for December is the turquoise, which signifies prosperity. It was a favorite gem among ancient Mexicans and Indians of the west. They believed that when the owner is ill it fades, and when the former is attacked by an incurable malady it perishes. The Germans claim that the turquoise will reveal the varying moods and humors of its wearer.

To remove scratches from black walnut furniture rub them with a cloth which has been moistened in kerosene oil. This will also give a good polish to the wood.

An economy that many clever women practice is to utilize the uppers of their outworn gloves for extra "tops" or armlets to be worn with wrist length new gloves of matching color. The fashionable fullness conceals the join, and bracelets worn over the glove aid also in disguising the simulation.

If a cake rises in a heap in the center it has baked too fast. If it has a coarse grain it was not beaten enough or the oven was too slow.

Shadow effects are among the most popular of the many striped stuffs shown.

Colored silk embroideries on white silk muslin in intense greens, blues and purples, with conventionalized scrolls brightened by touches of gold and silver, are most effective.

Opalescent and gold spangles with raised gold figures and tiny gold beads and colored embroidery outlined in gilt beads are much used on net. These come in the very narrow edgings.

The jet revival introduces a becoming decollete mode. Nothing so accentuates a woman's good points as a gown of jet. Jetting lace is a new occupation for women.

VALE, 1906 — A Last Look Backward — AVE, 1907

IT would hardly do to say that 1906 has been the most eventful twelve-month since that brilliant egotist, Julius Caesar, hit on his happy scheme for a calendar. Some bright schoolboy would ransack his "thinkery" and bring to remembrance the fact that such a statement would be far too exclusive—that many, many things have happened since that long ago date, which was just fifty-six years before the beginning of Christianity.

So it is that the newspaper man, with his praiseworthy ambition to combine a modicum of accuracy with a readiness of expression whose first intent is to thrill, cultivates restraint when he is dealing with the procession of the years. There have been so many of them, those years, and so many record breakers that he has learned to feel his way carefully when he treats of any one of them in particular and in comparison with the others.

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But that does not debar him from finding abundant inspiration in the happenings of any and every individual year. There is nothing to prevent him from asserting that a certain day of last summer was the hottest of the generation and that another day, six months later, was the most unquibbledly frigid that those now living had experienced, and he does assert it even though the weather bureau man is not of that opinion. And what year within the present generation has not been a tremendous record breaker of some sort or another?

To us, with the remembrance of its happenings still at our command, the past year seems especially eventful. There has been no dearth of thrillers. Things have come to pass that were undreamed of, and the supply of novelty has not run short. Tradition has been pushed aside, and acts which may become precedents have been substituted. It may be true that "the world is growing very old," but at all times it seems to wear an air of eager youthfulness. It may be that "history repeats itself," but it does it after such a modern and improved fashion that the operation is unrecognizable.

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It would not be a trifling task to select from the record of 1906 the one transcendent event of all that has happened. It would be scarcely less difficult to agree on a dozen or even a score of events more notable than all the others. Fortunately, perhaps at all events conveniently, we are not at one in our estimate of the importance of things. There are those among us—and they are as patriotic and God fearing as good citizens of the best government under the sun should be—who would discover the premier event of 1906 in the winning by American athletes of the international trophy at the Olympian games played at Athens. For him who has cultivated an interest in the progress of the Latin American republics there has been nothing else so important as the pan-American congress held at Rio de Janeiro. For him committed to the cause of dietetic reform the passing of the pure food bill by the house would mark the climax of human interest.

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To avoid conflict of opinion it is only necessary to give nature the preeminence in the discussion. Natural phenomena alone, in fact, would serve to make the year a memorable one. First among these were the seismic disturbances which began early in January and continued throughout the entire year. On Jan. 4 distinct earthquake shocks were perceptible in Nicaragua. In that habitat of the earthquake a moderate unsteadiness of the earth's surface attracts little attention, and those who seem to be most interested are the scientists, who are at a safe distance.

Three days later the trouble broke out nearer home. Seismic disturbances were felt in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, a region of the continent in which such things are comparatively unknown. On the 26th the people of Arizona and New Mexico were reminded that what they had always regarded as terra firma was not so absolutely.

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April, however, was the month in which nature worked her most disturbing violence. At the start Vesuvius once more resumed its role of agitator. A series of terrifying explosions took place in its crater, followed by streams of molten lava and showers of burning cinders which devastated the towns at its foot and even threatened the city of Naples. This "pernicious activity" continued for several days, resulting in a reign of terror and an immense property loss. Fortunately the monster uttered warnings which were so unmistakable that those in the immediate vicinity were able to escape. There were many fatalities, however, one of the most sickening caused by the falling of the roof of a public market in Naples, which had been overweighted with sand and ashes from the volcano. Formosa also was subjected to a sudden visitation of the earth tremor and several hundred persons were killed.

But the seismic event which came home to the American people with the most distressing insistence was the California earthquake. That we are not out of the earthquake zone is a fact realized by most Americans. The Charleston upheaval was sufficient to make that clear, and its reality was accentuated by the Galveston tidal wave horror. The comparative infrequency of such visitations had lulled us into a sense of security which was not justified by the facts. According to the scientists—why should we wait until fulfillment compels us to accept their explanations of such matters?—faults in the geological construction of the earth's surface exist in many parts of our wide territory. If the California earthquake was nature's method of correcting the geological error of centuries ago we can only hope and pray that the cure has been complete, that there will be no further necessity for such a drastic remedy. Moreover, it is a consolation, and not a mere conceit, to realize that Uncle Sam's earthquakes are not precisely like all the others. No similar event of such magnitude has ever before resulted in so few supreme casualties and such small loss of life. Our southern neighbors in Chile were not equally fortunate; their upheaval of Aug. 17 destroyed fourteen cities, including beautiful Valparaiso, and over 2,000 lives.

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From this harrowing record of nature's more or less mysterious ways of doing it is a relief to turn to the social aspect of the year. The record is a showing exceedingly creditable. In a wide political sense international social interchanges have made for the peace and prosperity of mankind. In January the international conference to determine the relative positions of France and Germany in north Africa was held at Algeciras, Spain. For awhile it seemed as if the old quarrel between the Gauls and Germans might be fanned into fresh activity, but the powers to whom the matter was referred succeeded in postponing the resort to "something stronger than words" which comes with such unfailing certainty every now and then.

The third pan-American congress came off as advertised, in July, at Rio de Janeiro. Each of the Latin American governments sent representatives, and Uncle Sam sent his secretary of state, Elihu Root, which conferred on Mr. Root the distinction of being the first American cabinet officer ever sent on a foreign political mission during his term of office. That of itself is significant of the importance attached by this government to the efforts of the southern republics to strengthen themselves.

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In September the fifteenth universal peace congress convened at Milan, Italy. At that very time Uncle Sam was trying to pacify the Cubans that war was the thing they needed least of all. On the day when the peace commissioners assembled in the beautiful Lombardy capital to discuss the rather academic subject of universal peace Secretary Taft sailed for Cuba. The foreign cartoonists found a glorious opportunity in the secretary's mission. Uncle Sam's notion of peaceful interference was set forth in the most exaggerated and humorous manner, the theme illustrated being, "It takes a man of war to make a peace."

This latest Cuban revolution, it must be admitted, was unusually dull from start to finish. Of course it might have been a very serious matter, but since it actually followed the customary routine of the typical Latin American political upheaval there is no reason why we should not laugh with those who saw nothing but the most charming opera bouffe in it. It had its little pathetic phases too. One of them was the failure of so good a patriot as President Palma to convince his fellows that he was the real thing. Most important of all, Uncle Sam has made it perfectly clear that the national game of revolution, as it has been played from time immemorial in the Latin American countries, is now out of date in Cuba and that some other pastime must be substituted for it. A French humorist has suggested football, but if he had not been a foreigner he would have made it baseball.

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Two weddings of the year contributed greatly to the comfort of those whose noble avocation it is to supply the public with wholesome daily news. The marriage of a president's daughter during her father's term of office and in the White House was an event that exceeded all others of the year in social value. Nothing of the kind had happened during the present generation, and the country was ripe for the event. The young woman most concerned, too, with abundant opportunity to do otherwise, had shown herself to be a girl of unusual pluck and discretion. Her choice of a fellow American when she might have selected from any number of titled aliens tickled the popular fancy, and she became at once the most conspicuous young woman in the world.

Miss Roosevelt had just visited the most prominent European capitals and had made an excellent impression abroad. Her wedding and its preliminaries were exploited as freely in the European press as in that of this country. No daughter of a royal house has ever received more attention from the newspaper world. The eclat of such a matrimonial sendoff would have turned the head of one less capable of estimating things at their real value. It is evident that it has worked no injury to the admirable mental equipment of Mrs. Nicholas Longworth of Cincinnati.

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Although she was the daughter of a semiroyal family the other bride was living in the obscurity which befits a national pensioner when she became the fiancee of a king. That was the magic that transformed Ena of Battenberg into the most interesting young woman of the hour. The youthful king of Spain was not an ideal specimen of the genus lover, and more than one marriageable princess on whom he had smiled had chosen probable spinsterhood as an alternative. Even after Alfonso and his advisers had swallowed the distasteful scheme of the English matrimonial alliance it was not an easy matter to bring the business to a safe conclusion. Patricia of Connaught could not make up her mind to take the step, and at least one other English princess turned a deaf ear to the suggestion. Marriage is the only career possible for a Battenberg maiden. Matrimony has been the sole foundation of the house. It has risen to its present estate through its fortunate marriages. There was no hesitation when the Princess Ena came to her opportunity.

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The transition from marriage to divorce is abrupt indeed, but scarcely more so at this point than happens frequently in real life. The subject is always an interesting one, and it has acquired additional vitality during the past year. It has even passed beyond the realm of morals and has entered politics. In his recent message to the congress the president recommends legislation that will remedy some of the offensive features of the existing laws. Two remarkable cases of marital infelicity involving an appeal to the courts have come to a climax during the year. Each of them is a sequel to an international marriage which was a stellar event in the social world. The experience of the two rich American young women who have purchased the hollow mockery of being known as the Countess de Castellane and the Duchess of Marlborough should be a valuable lesson to those who may find the opportunity to follow in their footsteps, but such it is not likely to be. The love of title and power is only stimulated by the opportunity to possess them.

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It is not agreeable to recall the fact that Uncle Sam is not yet having his own undisputed way with the Filipinos. At various times during the year there have been clashes between the American military and the native peoples in our faraway protectorate. Early in March a hostile meeting of this kind occurred which resulted in the killing of over 800 Moros and several American soldiers. Toward the end of the month another hot engagement brought death to sixteen American soldiers and thirty Pulajanes.

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Deeds of violence cannot be said to be on the increase, although the record of the year is by no means clear of them. Russia has furnished most of them and has been the chief scene of activity for the bomb thrower. In the latter part of March half a million coal miners went out on strike, but the movement was marked by an almost total absence of disorder. The annual May day rioting in Paris was checked by the police, and nothing came of it. The wedding of the king of Spain and Princess Ena on the last day of May was made memorable by a dastardly deed that went far to strengthen the popular superstition against May weddings. While returning from the church a bomb was thrown at the royal pair, but fell short of its aim and killed thirty-three attendants and spectators. In August an attempt was made to assassinate Stolypin, the Russian premier, at St. Petersburg, but the plan miscarried and the minister escaped, although twenty-five others were destroyed. The most astounding manifestation of all was the explosion of a bomb inside the basilica of St. Peter's at Rome. No one was injured, but the affair created the most intense excitement throughout the Christian world.

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The necrological record of the year contains a host of brilliant and well known names. January marked the passing of General Joe Wheeler, former lieutenant general of the Confederate states of America and later prominent in public life; Marshall Field of Chicago, the richest merchant in the world; Christian IX. of Denmark, father of Queen Alexandra of England and related by blood or marriage to most of the royal houses of Europe; General Francis Fessenden, noted veteran of the civil war, and William Rainey Harper, president of the University of Chicago.

Among those who died in February were David B. Henderson of Iowa, former speaker of the house of representatives; Paul Laurence Dunbar, the negro poet, and Professor Samuel P. Langley, scientist of worldwide reputation. March closed the earthly careers of Lieutenant General John M. Schofield, famous American soldier; Susan Brownell Anthony, pioneer woman suffragist; Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney, best known by her stories for young people, and Dr. Robert Ogden Doremus, the famous chemist. General Blanco, last captain general of Cuba; Professor Curie, one of the discoverers of radium, and Daniel Huntington, celebrated genre painter, died in April.

Michael Davitt, the Irish patriot, died in May, as did also Carl Schurz, German-American scholar and publicist, and Henrik Ibsen, Norway's greatest poet and dramatist. Senator Arthur Pue Gorman, Governor John M. Pattison of Ohio and Mary Putnam Jacobi, a talented woman physician of New York, were among the June dead. The July list included such notabilities as Sir Wilfrid Lawson, the English statesman and reformer; Lady Curzon, wife of the ex-viceroy of India, formerly Mary Leiter of Chicago; Russell Sage, and Baron Kodama, chief of staff of the Japanese army.

Mrs. Craigie (John Oliver Hobbes) died in August, and Robert Hitt, former congressman from Illinois and an associate of Abraham Lincoln, in September. October's most noted victims were Adelaide Ristori, the famous Italian tragic actress, and Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the president of the Confederacy. Major General William R. Shafter, who led the attack on Santiago in 1898, died in November, as did also Esther Damon, the last widow pensioner of the war of the American Revolution. The pope's physician and warm personal friend, Dr. Lapponi, is one of the most illustrious of the December dead.

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The political events of 1906 are not especially thrilling, although they furnish abundant food for reflection. In January M. Fallieres was elected by the national assembly president of the French republic. On the last day of the same month Frederick VIII., eldest son of the deceased king of Denmark, was proclaimed his successor. On March 7 the French ministry resigned after a defeat on the church question. In this month also Charles S. Francis was appointed to succeed Bellamy Storer at the court of Austria-Hungary. In April China signed the Anglo-Tibetan treaty, which recognized the Chinese right to protect Tibet. May 18 the railroad rate bill passed the senate.

The popular feeling against the trusts has become even more hostile. Stimulated by press exposures and by national and state legislative investigation and fortified by the president's cooperation, the courts have succeeded in imposing penalties on several of the most flagrant offenders, and the end is not yet. Secretary Bonaparte, the new attorney general, is reputed not only to be willing, but to be exceedingly anxious to continue the legal warfare against the lawless corporations.

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The supreme court of France annulled the condemnation of Captain Dreyfus July 12, and the next day he was restored to his former position in the army by a special act of the corps legislatif. This brought to a happy conclusion one of the most remarkable and involved episodes of modern times. The quarrel between the religious and civil powers in France is still in progress, and it is evident that the difficulties in the way of coming to an understanding will require the most delicate adjustment.

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An appreciable advance has been made in the problem of air navigation. Many remarkable ascents have been made in all parts of the world. The combination of the old gas bag form of balloon with the gasoline motor has proved to be practicable, and several new steering methods have been devised. Von Zeppelin has constructed an airship which he has sailed around the Swiss Bodensee, making descents at whatever points he wished. The indefatigable Santos-Dumont has done even better. With a device of his own invention, which was fitted with a motor and flying and steering apparatus, but was minus the usual gas bag, he succeeded in moving a certain distance through the air. It is one of the most interesting phases of the subject that society has taken up the fad and that the craze is likely to rage violently.

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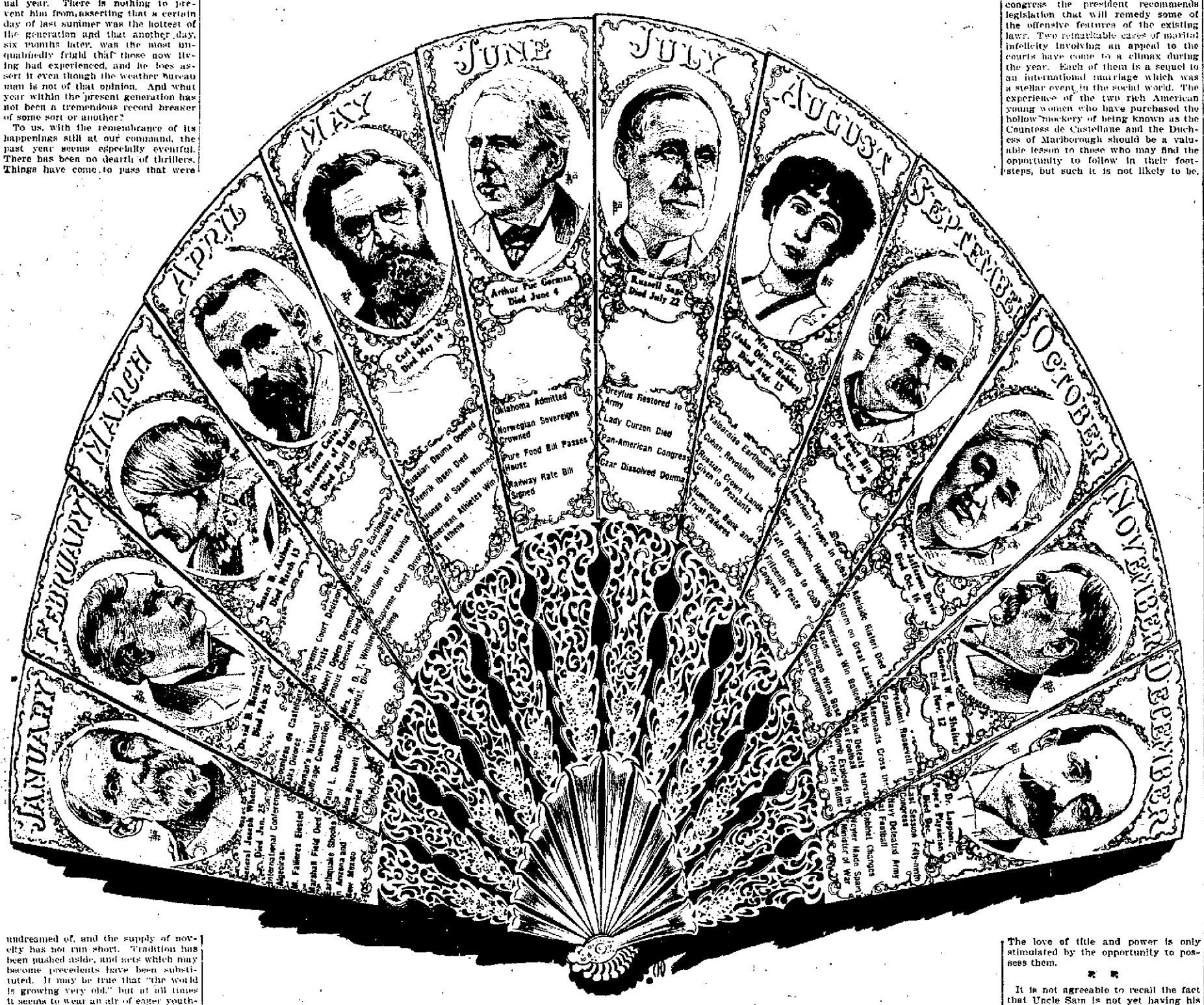
From an American viewpoint, the president's visit to Panama must be considered the unique feature of the record of 1906. That it was accomplished without protest or especial criticism from any quarter makes it evident that the American public is neither wedded to precedent nor disturbed over the making of a new one.

CHANNING A. BARTOW.



"Whate'er the year's brought forth," quoth Father Time,
"I'll spread upon this fan and thus expose it,
And when the world hath seen it at its prime
I'll nerve me to the deed and quickly close it."

STRAY BITS.

The average taxation of civilized countries is 10 per cent of earnings, but in Italy the proportion rises to 20 per cent.

Great Britain and her colonies and the United States represent together the fabulous total of 111,000,000 English speaking persons, figures which leave all competitors hopelessly in the rear. Germany and Russia occupy second place with 75,000,000 apiece, and France, Spain, Italy and Portugal follow, with 51,000,000, 43,000,000, 33,000,000 and 1,000,000 respectively, according to "The Atlas of the World's Conflicts."

Princess Marie Bonaparte, whose name has been rather unkindly mentioned in connection with the great marriage brokerage question, would indeed be a rich prize for any smart marriage broker, for she is one of the richest unmarried women in the world. She owes her wealth to her mother, one of the daughters of the house of Plane of Monaco, and she is, of course, a niece of the genial sportsman who is almost as well known to the British racing world as he is to that of Longchamps. Princess Marie, whose mother died when she was still a child, lives with her father, Prince Roland Bonaparte, in a palatial mansion not far from the Arc de Triomphe. Without being notably beautiful, she is very attractive, and she might ere now have married into more than one of the oldest royal families of Europe.

The announcement comes from Paris that the French academy hope to complete the letter "C" of the eighth edition of their dictionary by the end of next year. The edition was begun in 1877, so that at the present rate of progress the entire work will not be completed for 250 years.

Baron Komura, the Japanese ambassador in London, is a little unobtrusive man, with a quiet voice and a still quieter manner. The baron hates silk hats and is nearly always to be seen in the unostentatious "bowler." This peculiarity is said to have been occasioned by an adventure he had when he was a student years ago in America. He had been out marketing, and having purchased some beefsteak put it inside the tall hat as a convenient carrying place. Soon afterward he met a lady he knew, and, raising his hat, the meat fell on the ground, to the no small confusion of the diffident future diplomat.

Only 50 per 1,000 of the English population is employed in agriculture. In Russia the proportion is 298 per 1,000.

There are 130 manufactories of artificial flowers, leaves, plants and fruits in the district of Dresden. The largest manufactories employ from 250 to 1,000 persons, and the total number of persons engaged in the trade is estimated at 10,000, the larger proportion being women and girls, who earn from 8 to 12 shillings a week by their work.

Aberdeen has on an average forty-two snowy days in the year. At Lisbon the average of snow is one day in the year only.

The energy developed by Niagara is 10,000,000 horsepower. That is the equivalent of two-thirds of all the coal mines in the world.

There are three thermometers in common use, the Reaumur, Centigrade and Fahrenheit. The latter, which we commonly use, shows boiling point 212 degrees, Centigrade boiling point is 100 degrees, that of Reaumur 80 degrees.

The mean winter temperature of Great Britain has risen very considerably during the past half century. January, for instance, now averages 3 degrees warmer than it did between 1790 and 1810.

A gale blowing at sixty-eight miles an hour exerts a pressure of twenty-five pounds to the square foot.

There was no snow in London from November, 1862, until February, 1864.

LET'S MAKE IT A JOLLY NEW YEAR

PRESSED FOR TIME.

CAUSE FOR MERRIMENT.

One of the Imps: "May your servant inquire why your majesty appears so cheerful?"

His Satanic Majesty: "Ha, ha! New Year's is with us. We'll get another section of that road paved."

HELEN'S AMBITION.

"Helen wants to make her appearance in comic opera."

"Well, it certainly would be comical if she appeared in it."

LIGHT FINGERED.

The Monk: "The old saying that the leopard can't change his spots is all nonsense. I saw him myself last night change a two spot for an ace!"

SO MUCH SAVED.

"So old Stinginess is dead. Of course he hated to die."

"No; his death was quite a happy one. In another week the annual premium on his life insurance would have been due."

TAKEN UNAWARES.

"I thought he was a confirmed bachelor, but he's engaged to Miss Capseiter."

"Well, I suppose we shouldn't be surprised. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

BARRED.

"Do you believe in the simple life?"

"Yes, but I can't afford to practice it. I'm kept on a furious hustle to support my family."

HER CONFIDENCE.

She—I told him you would consent. Papa—Why are you so sure about it?

She—I know you are sensible enough to see that we'll get married anyhow.

SNAPPY.

Tall Editor—I hear Bumscribe is running a snappy column in your paper now. Is it the personal column?

Short Editor—No; it is entitled "All About Dogs." That is why we call it snappy.

IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

"Is it really true that your ancestors were once poor?" asked the inquisitive person.

"Yes, comparatively," replied the young Croesus. "My great-grandfather was merely a millionaire."

A NATURAL ADVANTAGE.

Tommy Owl: "Papa! We'll see New Year in, won't we?"

THEY COME HIGH.

Bin[illegible] [illegible]ther a unique set of china you have, old man. It must have cost you a pretty penny."

Kin[illegible] "My wife painted it."

THE[illegible] [illegible]O LATE.

"There is [illegible] be luck in old numbers," said the typewriter boarder.

"Yes," rejoined the old bachelor, "but few men have sense enough to realize it until after they get married."

BUT IT DID.

"Had that tooth out? Did the dentist give you gas?"

"He did that. He gassed away for about a quarter of an hour trying to make me think it wasn't going to hurt me."

NOT TO BE SQUELCHED.

Hetty—You only twenty-five! Well, Carrie, I suppose it is rude in me, but really you look a good deal older than that.

Carrie—Of course! I come of an old family, don't you know.

PLAINLY INEFFICIENT.

Jones—What makes you think that man is not a first class chauffeur?

Bones—Because he admitted to me that he had never been arrested for violating the speed regulations.

FOUND.

"And what was it you found in my appendix, doctor?"

"A gold collar button."

"There, doggone it! That's the only place I didn't think to look for it."

A PRACTITIONER.

"Why do you style yourself 'doctor?'" we asked of the upholsterer who had affixed that title to his name on his signboard.

"Why? Because I treat invalid chairs at times," he explains.

AN ABSURD IDEA.

"I'm afraid," her father said, "that my daughter would not make a very good wife for a poor man."

"But, good heavens," replied the boy, "you don't expect me to keep on being a poor man after I'm married, do you?"

LETTING THE DRAFT OUT.

One day my little nephew was lying on the bed puffing away at a great rate. I asked him what he was making so much noise about. "Oh," replied Harold, "I'm getting the draft out of my tomick."

AT THE BANQUET.

First Microbe—Are you going to the banquet this evening?

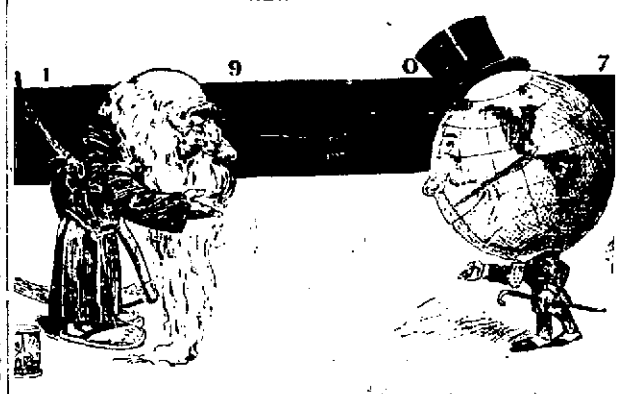
Second Do.—Of course I am, and so must you. They are going to pass a loving cup, and it will be the chance of our lives.

A DEPARTURE.

"What makes you think that newly appointed official is a man of so much progressive originality?"

"He didn't say a word about sacrificing a large private income in order to accept the office."

NEW YEAR'S.



Father Time: "Congratulations on your birthday, and may you have many more, my boy."

AS TO PUPPIES.

Mr. De Bore—You seem awfully fond of puppies, Miss Diana.

Miss Di—Yes; four legged ones!

A LOST OPPORTUNITY.

"Nice girl, eh?"

"Yes; but she hasn't much sense. She kn[illegible]

HER PROPHECY FULFILLED.

"Maw, yo' said I'd be surprised what yo' give me for New Year's, and yo' didn't give me nuffin' at all."

NO FRIEND OF HIS.

"I hear that you said I was the biggest fool in town."

"No, sir; I did not. I do not credit you with enough ingenuity to take front rank in any profession."

ONE WHO FINDS BUSINESS RECOVERING.

A GOOD REASON.

"Honestly, we don't make a cent on that watch."

"Well, what do ye want to sell it for?"

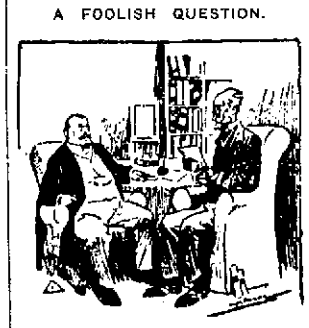
"Oh, that's all right; you'll want it repaired once in awhile."

HIS MISTAKE.

She—So you told Lady Buncomb she looked as young as her daughter! That caught the old lady, I know.

He—Yes, but it lost me the daughter.

A FOOLISH QUESTION.



Lawyer—Now, see here; before I take your case I want to know if you are guilty?

Client—Do you suppose I'd be fool enough to come to the most expensive lawyer in the town if I was innocent?

REDLICK'S | Closed All Tuesday, New Year's Day. | REDLICK'S

Credit to Responsible People

Redlick's

TOMORROW--The End of the Year Sale of Women's Suits

Just to fittingly celebrate the close of good old 1906, we will sell a number of suits for women at a price that will make every woman who sees one of the suits reach for her purse in a hurry.

We do this to celebrate the close of the most successful year our cloak and suit department has ever known. We have made wonderful progress, gathered for our patrons the best dressed women in Fresno, and tomorrow we show our appreciation by this extraordinary sale. Read carefully the descriptions of the suits, and remember that an exaggerated statement never appears in a Redlick advertisement.

40 Suits Worth Up to $35 to be Sold Tomorrow For $18.95

These suits are of the latest designs and materials. They include the tight fitting jacket suits, the half fitting hip and three-quarter length box coats and fancy etons. The skirts are in the full pleated and circular gore styles; materials are broadcloths, imported worsted and serges. They come in plain colors and fancy mixtures. Most of them are the advanced spring styles. Best of tailoring, linings and finishings.

We have a few suits—no two alike— in serges, cheviots and wool mixtures. Pony jacket, box coats and 3-4 length jackets; pleated skirts; plain colors and mixtures. These are suits that sell regularly at $15.00, $17.50 and $20.00. While they last, $9.85; alterations extra.

Evening Coats at Less Than Cost

New Dolman shape opera cloaks; models in chiffon broadcloth; white, rose, Alice blue, biscuit or pearl; some elaborately trimmed in Persian trimmings and fancy braids; all full satin lined. Values to $75.00, tomorrow, **$39.85**; values to $40.00, tomorrow, **$21.75.**

Redlick's INCORPORATED

Credit to Responsible People

$22.50 for Suits that cannot be Matched Under $35.00

That's our offering for the last day of good old 1906.

We picture one of the $22.50 suits. If there's a single fault in the garments we have not discovered it. We have sold these suits to men who never thought of paying less than $35 to $40 for a suit of clothes, and they have since told us that they got better service and satisfaction from these ready tailored garments than they did from those they had made to measure. We show these $22.50 suits in every good color in all the best styles, in single or double breasted sacks, in worsteds, serges or cheviots. Drop in tomorrow and see them. One inspection will make you a Redlick clothing customer.

Men's Suits

Single and double breasted styles, all late cut, no back numbers. We cut the price now to make speedy selling. We don't care to carry any over.

All $12.50 suits, now $9.90
All $15.00 suits, now $11.45
All $17.50 and $18.00 suits, now $13.85

All alterations free. All overcoats at corresponding reduction in price.

JURY AWARDED ZIBBELL DAMAGES OF $100,000

Southern Pacific's Responsibility Was Sufficiently Demonstrated

Biggest Verdict for Personal Injury Ever Returned in the United States Awarded By Fresno Jury to the Horseman Who Was So Terribly Injured at the Tulare-Street Crossing—Railroad Will Appeal Upon the Ground that the Award Is Excessive—Zibbell Will Locate in Fresno.

Willard H. Zibbell was awarded $100,000 against the Southern Pacific railroad yesterday. Lawyers say it is the largest verdict for personal damages ever awarded in the United States. It was conceded that the railroad company expected a heavy verdict, but nothing like that returned, the jury awarding practically the full measure of damages asked. The case will be appealed by the railroad, which will fight the heavy verdict as long as there is a court to appeal to.

The verdict was returned at 7 o'clock and its reading by Foreman Burnett caused a sensation in the court room. The jury had been out for two hours. The jury were unanimous from the beginning in favor of a verdict for the plaintiff, but for about an hour debated whether the award should be of $100,000 or $102,000, the full amount asked. The jury finally decided on $100,000 as the amount. Attorney L. L. Cory for the defense then asked for a sixty days' stay of execution of the judgment, and Judge Church granted the request.

Zibbell Overjoyed.

Willard Zibbell, the plaintiff in the case, was feeling very happy over the outcome of the trial last evening. He said in commenting on the case and his plans for the future: "I believe the jurors realized the terrible sufferings through which I have gone since the accident, and the helpless condition in which I really am, in spite of my ability to walk around. Now that the strain of the trial is over, I feel that I can look forward with pleasant anticipations into the future. My father expects to move to Fresno from Modesto in two or three weeks and will open a livery stable business in this city. I will join with him in the enterprise, and while I will not be able to do any active work about the place, I will have something to which I can devote my attention and occupy my mind. We have five thoroughbred race horses at Modesto which we will bring to the stable in Fresno. One reason for our moving to this place is that we will have the advantage of training the horses on the track here. We have Adam G., a fine trotter, with a record of 2:11¼; Miss Foxy, a thoroughbred 4-year old horse; Teddy Mac, a speedy 3-year old trotter, and Catalina and Little Angie, promising 2-year olds.

"I am now assisting in the office of the Runyon Sign company, on South Main street, in Los Angeles, and will go to that city on Monday to make arrangements to give up that work. I understand that the railroad company will appeal the case to the Supreme court, and so it will be about two years before we get the money awarded to us by the jury.

"I am confident that we will win the appeal before the Supreme court, as I believe that the testimony clearly shows that the railroad company was responsible for the accident and that I did all that any reasonable man would be required to do in crossing the Tulare street tracks."

Says Verdict Will Stand.

Attorney Theo. Roche said in regard to the verdict last evening: "I think that we were entitled to the award as made, considering the great extent of Mr. Zibbell's injuries. I believe that the Supreme court will uphold the verdict as presented by the jury, as the plea of contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff will not avail in this case, and there is no just reason why the Supreme court should not award us $100,000 damages as well as $10,000 or $20,000, if the latter amounts had been decided on. The verdict is the largest award of damages that has ever been made in the United States.

Excessive, Says Cory.

Attorney L. L. Cory for the defense stated concerning the verdict last evening: "I do not believe that the Supreme court will allow any such verdict to stand. We have been granted a stay of execution of the award for sixty days, and shall immediately take steps to prepare a bill of exceptions as a basis for a motion for a new trial of the case. If Judge Church denies the motion for a new trial, we will then appeal the case to the Supreme court on Judge Church's order denying a new trial of the case. The verdict is the result of prejudice and passion directed against the railroad company. We will ask the Supreme court to order a new trial of the case on the ground that the damages awarded are excessive in amount, and second, that the plaintiff caused the accident and the terrible injuries which he received by his own contributory negligence and want of care."

Opening Argument.

At the opening of the morning session, Attorney Ewing commenced his argument in behalf of the plaintiff and reviewed the case as to many of its aspects. He contended that the testimony of the witnesses for the defense showed noticeable variations from the testimony given by the same witnesses at the coroner's inquest along several lines; that, for example, Foreman Williams of the switching crew testified at the inquest that the freight train did not stop in coming from the lead onto the Tulare street crossing, but testified at the trial that the train came to a stop at the switch before proceeding to the crossing. The witnesses Hamilton, Pope and Williams also varied considerably in their statements at the inquest and at the trial as to the distance of the front box car of the train from the switch when Williams first gave the signal for the train to slow down, and also as to the point at which Williams first got onto the front box car with his lantern. The attorney argued that Williams stated at the inquest that he rode on the car up to the switch, but testified at the inquest that he walked along ahead of the train up to the switch.

Mr. Ewing also argued that the testimony of the majority of the witnesses in the case showed that there was no lantern on the front of the box car as it came but of the lead onto the crossing, that the bell on the engine was not ringing and that no other warning was given to Zibbell and McMahon which could have made them aware of the approach of the freight train in the darkness of the night. Mr. Ewing, continuing, said: "We have the testimony of such well-known residents of this city as S. B. Tombs, G. W. Hensley and J. D. Patterson, who have all resided in Fresno for the past twenty years or more, that they did not know of the presence of the lead near the Tulare street crossing until the evening of Friday, December 21st, when the railroad experiments were made in the switching yards, and the railroad attorney and officials pointed out the lead to them. The testimony in the case clearly shows that the plaintiff, Zibbell, took special precautions in looking out for cars, as he walked across the Tulare street crossing with McMahon, and that the accident happened as a result of the negligence of the railroad company and its employes."

Argument of Cory.

Attorney Cory for the defense, in his argument claimed that Zibbell had been negligent and careless, while crossing the railroad tracks on the night of the accident, and that if he did not see the freight train approaching from the lead, he should have seen it when it was a considerable distance away. Mr. Cory continued on this line of thought: "Policemen McSwain and Bradley, who were both called as witnesses for the plaintiff, testified as a result of witnessing an experiment with a freight train in the switching yards, that they could see the train approaching on a dark night when it was 100 feet away from them. If these men could see the freight train coming when it was that distance away, Zibbell ought to have been able to see the train when it was 100 or 150 feet away from him, if he looked up and down the railroad track as he testified that he did. As a matter of fact, I believe that Zibbell erred in the testimony which he gave in this trial; that he was trying to explain to himself and to you how the accident happened, and to account for the terrible injuries which he received. The plaintiff, Zibbell, and his father, J. W. Zibbell, testified that the young man had been offered a salary of $2500 a year to train and drive horses on the race tracks, but there is no certainty that he would have received this amount for more than one year. So the plaintiff's method of taking Zibbell's expectancy of life as 37 years longer, and then multiplying that by $2500, giving $92,500, with additional amounts bringing the total up to $102,085.75 for the damages sought, is, to my mind, an incorrect and unwarranted way of calculating on the case.

"The Supreme court has set aside a number of verdicts against corporations which were excessive, and this jury should see to it that any verdict that they may render that they do not bring in an excessive or unfair verdict in the case at issue."

Roche's Eloquent Plea.

In the afternoon session Attorney Theo. J. Roche presented his argument for the plaintiff before a large number of listeners, and made an eloquent plea for justice for the victim of the terrible accident, which is the basis of the suit. He congratulated Judge Church upon the fairness of his decisions in the trial and the jury upon the patience with which they had sat through the long hours of testimony in the case.

In the course of his argument, Attorney Roche said: "The plaintiff in this case came to this city in July, 1905, in the full hope and expectancy of a sturdy youth. He was intelligent, athletic, of a strong constitution and was considered one of the best drivers and trainers of race horses in the United States. That night he was suddenly stricken down and terribly injured by a Southern Pacific railroad freight train while he was walking along Tulare street, across the railroad tracks, as any citizen had a right to do. His promised bride, an intelligent and accomplished young lady of San Francisco, was soon notified of the mishap which had befallen the young man and, with unparalleled heroism and loyalty to her vows, became his wife three weeks after the young man was so suddenly and so severely injured. The testimony in this case shows that it was through no fault or negligence of the plaintiff that he was run down by the freight train, but that the railroad company and its employes were responsible for the accident which occurred.

"I want to call your attention to one striking fact in this case, and that is that the railroad company did not dare to put on the stand Yardmaster Conley or Brakeman Wills of the Mendota train. These men were both eye-witnesses to the accident which killed McMahon and maimed Willard Zibbell for life, but the defense knew that if they put these witnesses on the stand and they told the truth, they would have to give an account of the mishap which would support the contentions of the plaintiff in the suit. You, gentlemen of the jury, know as reasonable men, that pedestrians have a right to cross the railroad tracks on Tulare street in the day time or at night; that if you had attempted to cross the tracks on the night of July 12, 1905, you would have taken the same precautions and acted in the same manner as did Willard Zibbell when he was run down by the freight train at the crossing. Let this plaintiff go back to his home in Los Angeles feeling that he has received the justice meted out by a jury of American citizens. Let this gray-haired father, when the time comes, as it will in a few years, that his days are numbered, know that by your verdict you have provided for the young man's necessities for the rest of his life, so that he need not spend his days of helplessness in a poor house."

Judge Church began reading his instructions at 4:30 and it required a little over half an hour for the reading. The case was submitted to the jury at 5:05 and the verdict was at 7 o'clock.

"Return" Gifts

Are easily chosen here.

Though we've done a rushing business, stocks remain good and plenty of useful gifts remain here for your selections.

OBERLIN BROS.

The Progressive Jewelers
1119 J Street
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Lowest Prices
Greatest Stock
Plain Figures
Cash Prices
Easy Payments

SUIT TO FORECLOSE ON MORTGAGES

Ellen M. Wetherbee Files Actions Against Three Sets of Defendants.

Mrs. Ellen M. Wetherbee of San Francisco filed suits in the Superior court yesterday afternoon against three sets of defendants for the foreclosure of mortgages. The first suit was over a mortgage given by Charles King and his wife, Emma King, on November 1, 1904, to secure a note of $1500 and one for $450 made in favor of Mrs. Wetherbee. The complaint states that no payments were made on this note except that of the interest to November 4, 1905. The plaintiff asks ten per cent. counsel fees and that the property situated in section 8 of township 18 south, range 21 east, be sold under foreclosure proceedings.

The second suit is against M. J. Bernardo and his wife, Amelia Bernardo, over a mortgage given to secure a note for $1425, dated November 1, 1904. The property involved includes twenty acres in section 7 and twenty-two acres in section 8, in township 18 south, range 21 east. The third suit has Thomas G. Meidfessel and his wife, Emily L. Meedfessel, as defendants, and involves a mortgage given to secure a note for $529.51.

RAILROAD FROM FRESNO OVER MOUNTAINS TO SEA

Five Million Corporation Formed to Build Monterey Line

Alfred D. Bowen, Promoter of the Ocean Shore, Is Back of this Project—Representatives Visit Fresno and Say Nothing Is Asked But Good Will—The Road Would Cut Passenger Fares in Three and Would Greatly Reduce Freight Rates.

The Monterey, Fresno and Eastern Railroad!

Is Fresno's long cherished hope of a direct line, over the mountains to the sea, to be realized?

Yesterday in San Francisco a $5,000,000 corporation was formed to build the road. The sum of $15,000 was subscribed in hard coin, just to show business.

Two representatives of the Fresno, Monterey and Eastern were in Fresno yesterday, H. H. Sanborn and F. M. Fairchild. They drove over the west side of Fresno county looking into possible freight business along the line where the road will run. Sanborn represents the traffic end of the project and Fairchild the construction end.

They want nothing from Fresno — except good will. They have no stock to sell, no bonus to ask.

The road is to be built from Monterey to Fresno. The "Eastern" part of the title they say with a smile is "simply to give ample room for expansion."

The Men Behind.

Who's back of the project? Alfred D. Brown. And who's he? He's the man who promoted the Ocean Shore railroad. He financed it and started it on its way. He is now stated to be no longer connected with it. He has been a railroad builder for many years and is said to have been very successful in this work. Associated with him are G. W. Purcell and H. H. Sanborn, who are said to have been associated with him in the Ocean Shore and other enterprises. The attorney, who is also a director, is W. A. Chickering, a well-known lawyer of San Francisco. F. M. Fairchild, who also appears as a director, is the construction engineer, who is also lately of the Ocean Shore. Other directors appearing in the articles of incorporation are merely names—dummies who will give way at the psychological moment when the real backers are ready to make known their connection with the project.

The company is incorporated for $5,000,000. It is specified that it is formed to build 150 miles of road, and under the law a railroad company must have subscribed in cash 10 per cent of $1000 a mile. In this case it amounts to $15,000.

Ask Only Good Will.

"We ask nothing," said Mr. Sanborn yesterday, "but good will. We have been working on this proposition for about three months and while we haven't been saying anything we are now in a position to assure the people that the road will be built. Mr. Fairchild has had surveyors in the field running preliminary lines and making reconnoissance of the country. We are not yet prepared to say where our route will be, except that it will follow the most practicable line across the mountains from Monterey to Fresno. Once reaching the fertile San Joaquin valley there is no telling how we will expand.

"We were attracted to this road by the possibilities of freight and passenger traffic. Think of the number of people who go annually from the hot interior valley to the coast? Now it is a tedious journey of over 300 miles. We could take them direct to the coast, a third of the distance and at a third of the cost. Then consider the freight we would carry. Our report on this subject will open people's eyes."

"Would this road solve the terminal rate problem?" was asked.

"Ocean freight," said Sanborn, "will be landed at Monterey. The government engineers are now gathering data for the construction of a breakwater in Monterey bay. Freight landed at Monterey, by way of the Horn, can be laid down in Fresno for a third of what it now costs by rail from the East."

Not a New Thing.

A railroad from Fresno to Monterey is by no means a new thing. Ten or a dozen years ago it was actively promoted by Colonel W. A. Jones, the blind promoter, but he died without being able to see his favorite project under way. It is thoroughly feasible from an engineering standpoint, not a particularly expensive road to build, is the natural outlet from this valley to the coast and it would doubtless be a money-maker. While no bonus is asked, the Terminal Rate committee would gladly get behind the project if the promoters can show them whereby its construction would mean terminal rates, or the equivalent.

Sanborn and Fairchild leave today for San Francisco, but the former says that he will return in a few days and will be here off and on frequently.

REBEKAHS ENTERTAIN GRAND PRESIDENT

After Initiatory Work Last Night Mrs. Jessie Fargo Addressed the Lodge.

The members of Fresno Rebekah lodge have been very busy for the past few days entertaining their grand president, Mrs. Jessie Fargo, of San Francisco, who is in town on a social visit to the lodges of this district. Last evening Odd Fellows hall was crowded to its fullest capacity and Mrs. Fargo given a royal welcome. Bright streamers of the lodge colors hung in gay festoons about the room while a profusion of greenery further added to the decorative scheme. The initiatory work was put on by the lodge for the approval of the distinguished visitors, the following candidates being initiated: W. P. Thomanson, Alfred Cohoan, W. H. Besore, Miss Della Yeargin, Miss Maud Carson. There were representatives from the lodges in Laton, Madera and Clovis of this district and from Selma, Fowler and other towns of outside districts. A degree team of twenty-five members put on the work in splendid form. Mrs. Fargo, who is much beloved by her associates, made a happy speech last night to the members, giving wise counsel and inspiring them to renewed efforts for the good of the order. Past Grand Master A. M. Drew spoke also under the good of the order. At the banquet which followed in the banquet hall, the grand president was the guest of honor at the center table where the officers were seated. Speeches and stories enlivened the feast and the evening concluded most happily.

In the afternoon the members of Fresno lodge gave a demonstration of the degree work before the grand president, who complimented the team upon its satisfactory work. Mrs. Fargo was the guest of Mrs. R. E. Egle, the district deputy of Fresno district, at an informal evening on Friday planned in the visitor's honor. She returns today to her home in San Francisco.

ARBROATH COLLISION TO BE INVESTIGATED

British Government Takes Prompt Steps—Total Deaths from Accident Twenty-three.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Midnight—The board of trade has appointed a commission to investigate the Adbroath wreck. Three more persons who sustained injuries are dead. This brings the total of deaths to twenty-three. Aberdeen has been cut off since Thursday, but the demoralized Scottish train service is being restored.

GENERAL KUROPATKIN'S WORK ON THE LATE WAR HAS BEEN CONFISCATED

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—Local newspapers assert that the book written by General Kuropatkin on the Russo-Japanese war, which has just been published, has been confiscated by the authorities. General Kuropatkin's work is in several volumes. It is understood to discuss frankly the faults of the Russian system and to set forth the general's trouble with the war office and his subordinates.

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